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*Nancy DeBlasio and Tina Charbonneau get ready to dissect their cats in senior anatomy.*



*Rich Adkins predicts the future for most of the students of 1998.*



*The men's soccer team shows that teamwork is the most important part of sports.*



*The girls' soccer team celebrates a team victory.*



*Kelly Baron shows her spirit by participating in the band at the pep rally.*



# SPECTRUM



A spectrum is something comprised of many different elements, all of which stem from a common root. Just as the spectrum diffuses, so do we as a class. We each make up a piece of the spectrum, and we all add our own vibrant color to make it unique. When we first came to the high school, no one was sure what their lives would be like. Slowly we became part of the school and began contributing to its many different activities. From sports, to music, to helping in the community, our class's diversity could be seen throughout. By our senior year, it was obvious that all class members had developed a distinct and unique personality all of their own. No longer were we labeled as "the freshmen" or as "the class of '98'". Instead, we have come to be known by our peers and mentors as individuals with ideas and thoughts unlike any other. Still, although we have separated into our own areas of interest, we remain unified as a class with a common goal. This goal is success. No matter what our futures may hold, or what direction each member may take, we will forever be connected by our common beginning into the career world. And, just as a spectrum diverges out into infinite directions, so will we enter into this new territory. The splendor of the class of "98's" spectrum is still unknown, but there is no doubt that its beauty will know no bounds.

*John Pentore and Amanda Bouchard switch hats during a break in senior court.*

# After 20 Years . . .

**B**erlin High School is a family to many, an environment filled with warmth. Administrators, faculty, and students support one another as they strive to achieve common goals and spend countless hours pursuing academic and extracurricular interests. And as a family's house has a fire to provide warmth. Berlin High has a fire too. A step into the main office, a quick left followed by an even quicker right, one more left, and six paces forward direct everyone to the heat source of Berlin High School.

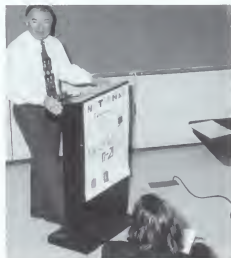
Thomas F. Galvin, a fire keeping our school alive and bright, has been the principal for Berlin High School for twenty years. His role in the school has brought Berlin High to unforeseen educational heights, and his character has made Berlin High a friendlier, more enjoyable place to spend a part of life. Teachers and students admire his ideas, efforts, and support, and are proud of their principal when they look at all that he has done.

Mr. Galvin has had a career at Berlin High that has been filled with accomplishments, recognition, and many prestigious awards. During his role as principal, Mr. Galvin received two distinguished service awards from the Connecticut Association of Schools, the first in 1985 and the second in 1989. In 1995, Mr. Galvin was selected as Principal of the Year by the Connecticut Association of Secondary Principals. Also in that year, he was awarded with the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, an honor give to a teacher or administrator for outstanding achievement in education. He has served on numerous committees, including the executive board and legislation committee of the Connecticut Association of Schools. Mr. Galvin's achievements stretch far beyond these, however, especially within Berlin High School.

Innovative, scholarly, supportive, motivational, compassionate, interested, attentive, and hardworking are only a few of the words that students and teachers use to describe Mr. Galvin. Mr. Galvin is an educational leader, one who has a commitment to education that is exemplary and who puts in an unmatched number of hours of energy daily to Berlin High. He is a bright individual, aware of what is happening in the school and willing to confront decisions head on. His sensitivity, enthusiasm, open mind, and appreciation for learning have made Berlin High a comfortable place to work and learn, while his availability, listening ears, and open office door have made it an excellent place to grow and create change. Mr. Galvin shows respect for everyone in the school, and has always been very supportive of the staff and students as individuals.

As Mr. Galvin moves on in life and retires from Berlin High School, his work for the school and impact over the years will never be forgotten. Mrs. Criniti says, "It does not seem that twenty years has gone by. It has been a pleasure and an honor being Mr. Galvin's secretary." Mr. DiCicco from the math department says, "I hate to see him leave. I think school has come such a long way. It is difficult being principal, but Mr. Galvin has done a good job." English teacher Mr. Brittingham adds, "I'm going to miss him. I'm nervous. After twenty years, I never know if we're going to find someone as good as he is."

Mr. Galvin has definitely had a strong influence on Berlin High School. Whether concerning athletics, extracurricular clubs and organizations, or education itself, Mr. Galvin has impacted the school in more ways than any other individual. He has made Berlin High School a learning environment focused on education and filled with warmth. His role as the school's fire has heated and shaped Berlin High into the incredible place that it is today, and his efforts, accomplishments, and friendliness will never be forgotten.



*Mr. Galvin shares his thoughts about teaching in his presentation during National Education week.*



*In his first years at Berlin High, Mr. Galvin plays Scrooge to Mrs. Murphy's Ghost of Christmas Past for the Berlin. By-line.*



*Mr. Galvin shows his love for teaching as he enjoys a good laugh during an UpBeat workshop.*

The **SENIOR** class has always been a group of **LEADERS.** Together we **HAVE** helped to impact the school in many positive ways. We are all role models

for **A** large group of underclassmen. We have a wide range of career choices. The future holds a

**SPECTRUM** of job opportunities for us. In planning for these futures, we have been able to increase our knowledge in areas we want to pursue by taking courses not part

**OF** the main curriculum. In this way, we gain a better understanding of the subject area in which we are interested.

As seniors, we have been given an independence that underclassmen lack. With this independence come hard work and

**RESPONSIBILITIES** but there is no doubt that the work is worth the rewards. Senior year is definitely a highlight of high school life.



# SENIORS



In senior anatomy, Theresa listens as Mr. Kirchstein points out the bones of the wrist



**Clockwise from top:**

*As sophomores, Dean Wicke, Julie Nardine, Theresa Vallera, and Kelly Ann Baron show their spirit in the motocade. Spirit isn't always loud; Joe Forsyth concentrates on the game. Deena Miller and Lindsey Marut took advantage of twin day during sophomore year. Ken Bratina and Kim Zenobi did not let their spirit dance pass without having a good time.*





# We've Got That *Spirit ...*

**"Seniors, Seniors Don't Be  
Shy ..."**

*Volleyball*

*Band Cheers*

**Motorcades**

*Twin Day*

*Cross-Country*

**Pep Rally**

*Spirit Dances*

*Football Games*

*Clash Day*

*Team Day*

*Soccer Games*

**Go Redcoats!**

*Hat Day*

*Color Day*

**"Who Rocks The House  
...?"**



**Clockwise from top right:**

*Tina Delernia and her date wait for dinner at the Junior Prom. Missy Gionfriddo, Steph Odell, Sue Cabellus, and Leah Fongemie take a time out at the '95 spirit dance. Mike Payette and Monica Kaczor enjoy the Junior Prom. John Pentore and Melissa Marturano enjoy the '96 spirit dance. James Daigle, Adam Bryers, and TJ Bosco show their style at the Junior Prom. Lindsey Marut and Nick Greco get close enough for a picture at the '95 homecoming.*



# And Then We *Danced ...*

*Music*

*Dressing Up*

**Kiss From A Rose**

*The DJ*

*Decorations*

*Freebird*

*Spirit Dances*

**When I See You Smile**

*Fun*

*Smile!*

**Take My Breath Away**

*School Spirit*

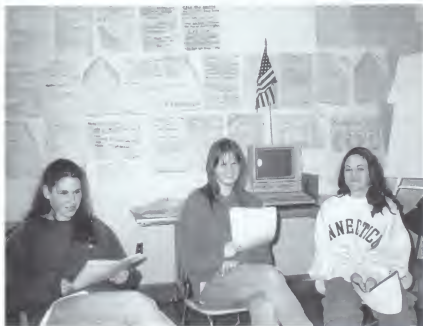
*The Queen And Her Court*

*Pictures*

*Friends*



**Clockwise from top:**  
*Julie Nardine and Anna Mucha take advantage of their first day in senior court.*  
*Lara Bryers and Ela Sliwka "get married" in a skit for English class freshman year.*  
*Sherry Cox Campbell waits for the bell to ring during her sophomore year.*  
*Whitney Stewart reads up on anatomy before the dissection begins.*  
*Kristy Olson, Tracy Miller, and Katie Cote give a presentation for English Class.*  
*Rich Kusy and Ryan Kavarsky spend some time at their lockers during break.*  
*Maria Monaco takes an English test during her sophomore year.*



# Moving Through the *Days . . .*

*Tests*

**Senior Court**

*Break*

*Homework*

**Passing Time**

*Working Together*

*Presentations*

*Homeroom*

**Study**

*Lunch*

*Work*

**Leaving Early**

*Morning Announcements*

**Think**

*Period Y*



**Clockwise from top left:**

*Eric Eltman, as a sophomore, practicing bus safety during the bus evacuation drill. Despite the elements, Mike Payette succeeds in hoisting the Van Dorn bottle on the biology trip. Missy Gionfriddo, Kelly Schaller, and Lisa Zaccagnino search for enlightenment at Walden Pond. Dr. Marcus shows his multiculturalism and his musical talent during multicultural week. Laura Ebner decorates the cafeteria for the 1994 Senior Breakfast.*





# What We've Done

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**Boys' State**

*Walden Pond*

**1994 Senior Breakfast**

*Bus Evacuation Drill*

*Project Oceanography*

**Enlightenment**

*Berlin Fair Cookie Sale*

*Multiculturalism*

**Girls' State**

*Boston Museum of Science*

**American Studies Trip**

*Hot Dogs and Hamburgers*



# Talent Runs Deep

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**Anything Goes**

*The Old State House*

*Football Games*

**Madrigal Feaste**

*Guys And Dolls*

*Chorus*

*How To Succeed . . .*

**Half-time Shows**



**From top:**

*Kathleen Capen sings during How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying.*

*Sean Fiske and Laurel Unwin prepare for a madrigal performance.*

*Amy Osiecki and Marie DeSanto wait for Mr. Kelly's signal to begin the next song.*



# The Class of



**Richard Adkins**  
*Rich, Tricky Dick, Archie*

"Made For It" — Liam Gallagher  
I'll never forget: Katie, thank for everything. There's always a place in my heart for you, love you always. Mom, Dad, Brian, thank for being there, love you. I remember Murphy, 100s, Crisco, Bryer's Bash, of the fan, Chungs, Hawthorne late night's, Chino, Zotter, the beach, Oasis 09/07/96, Bryer's — I owe you nothing, Steve homework, Danny, Josh — with Rimous, Al, the 17th, Parks — golfing, Live and the 5 hour drive. It's been fun.



**Aqsa Aslam**

"We know nothing of tomorrow; our business is to be good and happy today." I remember the good time I had with my friends Karen and Lien, Mrs. Frost's parties, gym, McDonald's, Mall, Movies and International Club. My special thanks to my parents, my friends and my teachers who were beside me in good and bad times.



**Katie Allison Baldwin**

"A smile happens in a flash, but the memory of it can last a lifetime." My memories are: Rich 10/21/96, you hold the key to my heart always and forever, thank for all the good times, I Luv You, myrtle beach 97, janelle's house, 16th surprise party, beach trips, shopping sprees, Homecoming, Jr. Prom, cheer 97-98. To all my friends — thank for all the endless laughs and memories luv ya! Mom, Dad, Stacie, Gram thank for your love and support. Class of 98 good luck never forget you!



**Jennifer Ruth Bates**  
*Daisy Bates*

My memories include: Biotrip, umbro and elbow, Elmo run at 2, Dave June 8th with Carrie, Amy, Marie, Jen, Robin, Athina 2-70, Mikey Faces of Death, Bandtrip raincoat, Robin table marker at chucke-cheese, Julie circles, krissie diving, Sara c-c-course, Kry's lawn chairs, Volleyball 95, 96, NWC, Golf 95, 96, 97, 98, Junior Prom, Senior Ball thanks Marc, Blair, Jen get a gentleman. Thanks to all my other friends for all the memories. Thanks mom for everything.



**Ghadeer Alami**  
*LaLa, Gi-Gi, GhadeerKa.*

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you will not see the shadows"  
I will always remember the basketball game, UpBeat Picnic, parties, bazaar, WooHoo, Hammock, Simba, Colorado, beach with Ela, Big Red, the Dog, the Tennis Ball, and laughs with Jesse and Ela. I will never forget going to the mall and talking on the phone 24-7. I will also remember the good times with my crew — Ela, Jesse, Lucy, and Amy. Love to all my family — Mom, Dad, Sami, and sisters. Thank you God.



**Dana Louise Balducci**

My Memories are; the worst night ever, and the Bahamas with Megan, the summer of '96, late night swims, long talks, and gay music with Kelly, James and Brian, setback with Brett and Meg, the beach with Saler, and Michelles sube. Brett, Dor, Mark, thank for the good times. Jenn, forget me not. Megan and Brian have my ever-lasting friendship, I luv u guys. Joey — 10/25/95 — our times together will never be forgotten, you have my forever luv. Mom, Dad, Daron, thank, I luv u.



**Kelly Ann Baron**  
*KAB, Smiles, B-Nyce, Jack*

"Life is what you do when you are not having fun"  
I will never forget: Homecomings, Jr. Prom, Virginia 95, Atlanta 97 Summer 96&97. Stef (Pooch) thank 4 everything you are a best friend forever. I will hold your overalls, hubcaps. Shane you make me happy 9-17-97. Amy, let's get marshmallows at the midnight sale. Marie the CAREavan kicks but Saturns rock the house. Robin broke her promise (98). Maura (Daniels) & the pigme's. Juiz hiding from firetrucks. To all my family thank for being there. Luv to all.



**Daniel Bellini**  
*DJ*

Sometimes words have two meanings.  
I will remember the many trips to Salmon River. Camping on Lamo, hanging on the east side, the driving routes, the barn, the concerts and the practice sessions in the garage are some of my best memories. Justin, Sebby, Kevin, Sleeve, Matt, Mike, Lisa, Sarah, and all the others, it was a great time. Other memories are the week-ends at Coventry riding dirt bikes, chillin and jamming in the woods. Sarah, Ty, Jen, Mark, Ryan, Jeff, Mom and Dad thank you.



**Erich Otto Bennar**

Thank thee O God, you have taught me from my youth, and til my final years of high school. I proclaim your wondrous deeds. On you I depend from birth; from my mother's womb you are my strength; constant has been my hope in you ... 21 ... Amen and thanks again Jesus ... "And now to go to; and I will show you what I will do in my vineyard" Isaiah 5:5



**Josh Benson**  
*Kock*

Life feeds on life feeds on life ... This is necessary (Too!) The Rage concert was the best time ever. All of the guys remember Sully, Murphy, Chino, Fitz, Tarver, Brett, John, Chris, French, Ringler, Dave, Todd, Kuhn, Tony. My best games are East Hartford, East Catholic and to my girl Yeah CARA!! Bretts house with the garbage. The gathering at the pavilion at sage park. Berlin baseball will be state champs in '98." Crista it was great to meet you this year love ya. To all the fun times with miche and bein. To all the fun times I can't tell. Love to my loving family.

**Jennifer Binder**  
*Jenn*

"Don't take life for granted, take it how it comes."

Thanks to my family for believing in me, I luv you all. For all the memories with my friends. I'll never forget my first love Mike, I luv you. For all the good times we had and hope to have a lot more. I will never forget March 17, 95, also Nov 7, 95, summer of 95-96 and Mike's senior prom. Dad, I will always be your little girl. I luv you. Farewell to BHS. Now is my chance to fly into a new world!



**Fabio Birritta**  
*Fabs*

I have found some kind of temporary sanity in this. — Maynard James Keenan I will always remember chillin' with my crew. I will never forget res. rides Parties, shows, getting people in the great white with Jared, Dave and Tom. I will always remember the talent show. Peace Love and happiness.

**Jennifer Lynn Blair**  
*Blair*

"INDIVIDUALITY IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS"

Mike 2/14/97, Our memories are: Honor Society Induction, CapeCod, Vabesch, DMB, concerts, I will always love you, you hold the lite in my eyes: loyalty & happiness. Mom Dad Mel I luv you, thanx for all. MOM never forget shopping & skating. Cheerdr: Camp was #1, bigben, Natalie — coffee, just a little, Kristin: Don't forget horsefly, Kim — Contempo, 98Gris: Remember Jr eng-trip Joey's walker. Borshev memories are: bfair 94-96, MikePat, Boobash & video, Fach, 94 home.



**Christopher Bonaiuto**

**Jennifer Lynn Borysewicz**  
*Borshev*

A smile and a laugh are the best gifts we all can give.

Mom & dad I love you thank you so much. Jenn remember brownie mix, worst date, Ruth, Lt. Priscilla, fach wash, h-j moles, chicky-gut, Scorp(die, inferno), scene man, and cookie booth. Sara & Stef remember steel arm Cait. Linz remember outta the room, questions? Kim brand X lives! Katie & Jenn don't forget Mike — Pat's Horizon (pie, penny, salami), the assault, or doofus. Linz M. & Monica don't forget, Donnie, or the heffa. Jackie good luck I love you so much.



**Thomas Bosco**

#### April Maria Bosse

There are two paths you can go by but in the long run there's still time to change the road you're on.

I remember the mall, park, summercorns, romper room, baby land, wanna, Genuine, Tina's head, Ralf, Fantastic Voyage. I want to thank my parents for having faith, my grandmother for being my guardian angel. I have been blessed with a wonderful family who has given me the strength and encouragement I need in life. Thank you Percy, love of my life. You have my heart and soul. Best of luck!



#### Amanda Alice Bouchard

Laugh and the world laughs with you!  
Recall Drill Team for 3 yrs, Michelle my sis. Remember Rock & Robin, Faith, talks, LAUGHS, movies and 205. Kelly, remember nights in Lebanon, "that's mean!", friends since 5, Drill and laughs. Dan, remember "Hottie on the mound" and extra help at B's. Kim my friend since 6th, Bruke and "I'm weak." I love you guys! I'll miss you! To the Senior guys and girls, thanks for all the memories! To my Mom, Dad and Scott, many thanks, I love you.

#### Kenneth Michael Bratina

##### Ostrich

"To believe, to reach, to strive is to keep a dream alive."

Thanks Mom, Dad, Kris! Having a big brother for a year, thanks Marc! My memories are Todd's speech, varsity baseball, football and basketball. Remember Toby's grandmother's house, dances, chilling at Picard's, hanging at Nana's & Charm's ride to school. There was campsite, dunking, picking on Daigle. I'll remember "Biz Niz," "Beebe," & "ER." "Just doing it!" Love you all! Good Luck '98!



#### Kyle Brown

#### Adam Bryers

##### B. Broers

"No matter what they've said I've done but I ain't never had too much fun."

My memories are Waramaug, Football, Don't even Try, Fiesta en mi casa, Junior prom — My Girl, nuts house, Backyard Ball, News, Dave Mathews and the (days) after, Topgun, fishing, Salmon river camping, Cancun Senior trip, Tastes like honey, Recball — Unibombers 4ever, Sabath night, Apples, die22, Where's my fan, New years97. I had good times with TJ, James, Mark, Ken, LIND-SAY (luv you), Caitlin, Jer, Ben, Joe, Rich, Des, Angie — I'll miss you.



#### Lara Ann Bryers

I find myself in random chaos, in love with the risk of falling apart.

There are so many contradictions, in all these messages we send. How do I get out of here? Where do I fit in? Though the world is torn and shaken — Even if your heart is breaking. It's waiting for you to awaken . . . And someday you will. Learn to be still. Mom and Dad — All of your love and understanding has allowed me to grow, learn, and truly live — Thank you. See those lights . . .

#### Tom Bulkus

##### Bakus, Chewy

"Against the assault of laughter nothing can stand"

I remember Double Features with Vito and smart guy; Secret Passages; Rug; UpBeat; Over-Night Break; '98' Rock; Garbage Cans; Lost in Hartford; American Studies/Ellis Island; Rec. Ball; Dion O'Banion and Star Wars/Luke. I also recall 4 Horsemen; Study Breakout; Pravititi; D-Beat; Risk with Bagel, Todd and Clemens; Shady Business; Espanol; Blue Shirt; No Tom No; Turnpike Ticket; Video Galaxy Crash; Scream; Big Rich Death Threat and my Family + Friends.



#### Kelly Buys

Be yourself, and it will get you anywhere you want to be.

Thanks to all my friends and teachers for these memorable years. Anna, thanks for the wonderful friendship. I hope it lasts a lifetime. You know I'll never 4-get the great times with Mike & Josh, the sliding on the ice, the mud, the mall, and Super Bowl Sunday. Sonya, never 4-get ketchup and the walk, friends forever. Jay and Mel, scoot over. Kiki you're a sweetheart, don't ever change. Best of luck to everyone.

**Suzanne Dee Cabelus**  
Sue

"You never know what you have until it's gone."  
My memories are: Sarah — Best Friends, Garth, Wawa, Hoop games, Nights at Marvin's, 12/31/96, Rach's 17th, Times with John, Are You Hungry, Leah — #5, Talks, Bean Fields, Titanic, Aetna; & with Kee — Talks, Krispy. I'll remember the Prom, Spirit dances, Commuter lot, Molson, tanning, dismissals, Planetarium, & Dave Matthews with the girls, my twin — Kitty, Steve — Talks, Porcelain Queen, To My Family, Love & Thanks.



**Michelle Calafiore**  
Miche

Live your dreams today, don't depend on tomorrow.  
Mom, Dad, & Paul thank for your love & support. Jason, 11/17/96 — forever, I love u. Amanda, sis, I'll remember times in the sub, laughs, NY, 205, gym, faith, movies, & our talks. Kelly, never forget the late nites in Indiana, laughter & tears, FL, the twins, crow's next bikes, all our effort, best friends. Dan & Josh, I'll miss u, wicket. I'll never forget summer '96, 98 guys & girls thank x 4 the memories.

**Sherry Ann Cox-Campbell**  
Campbell, Sher

Rumor travels faster, but it don't stay put as long as the truth!  
Mom, Dad, Mike, Scott, Gram, Mrs. Duong love ya all thanks for everything! Mike, thanks for the brawl in 92! Scott, 'show me the money.' I love ya trustee thanks for caring! To my husband Ray I'll love you always, and remember September 20, '96, Ray, remember the nutty professor, fishing September 18, '96, and trips to Brooklyn Thanks Cathy, Kelsy, Sam, and Sorry Sarah! My true friends are Chris and Karen love ya!



**Kathleen Marie Capen**  
Chicken, Leaner, Kat

LOVE LIFE, SMILE, RUN IN THE WOODS WHEN IT'S RAINING, SING A SONG, BE TRUE TO YOURSELF.  
I Love You Mom, Dad and Andy. I Remember Diane, secrets, hair, Indigo, tears & best-friends. Thanks Laura. We are sisters & true friends. I'll always remember Harris, McDonald's, driving, tears, Erin, hugs, Chicken, Cavaliere, Lotko, Dan, Amy, parties, laughs, ragged, Kevin, Summer nights, Nate, Bond, Krissie, James, peach, Bryers, Lisa, notes, Spencer, Mr. Kel, Chorus, All-State, Marut, Payette, Monny, MayWeekend & Drill Team.

**Timothy Carey**



**Kevin F. Carifa**  
Carifa, Kev, Careefa

"Live life to the fullest, because you will not get a second chance."  
I remember having fun with my friends through the years. I remember Al's 4th Of July, Salmon River, & 4x4. I remember Power Shop smoke shows, the Tragon 81-97, & the Caddy. I remember Mr. Line's & Mr. Warburton's classes. I remember Track, long, & triple jump. My ambitious are to live life to the fullest, & to be rich, & famous someday. Hey I'll see you!

**Kevin Louis Carling**  
Vino

"The greatest essentials of happiness are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for."  
I remember Double Features with Bulk and Smart Guy, Secret Passages, 4 Horsemen, Star Wars with Luke, and Up-Beat Breakin. I recall UpBeat Weekends (Cards, Singing in the kitchen), Lost in Hartford, Study Breakout, D-Beat, Golf Team, American Studies, 98 Rock, Espanol, Rec Ball and Tickets. Thanks to my family for your love and support and to friends for the laughter and the tears.



**Carrie Lynn Carlson**  
Car

Life gives us plenty of space, but it is up to us to fill it with joy and meaning.  
I'll never forget Atlanta 97, band, Walden, 24 clan, 6-8-97, River of Hope, Sal, Griswold talks, 7-29-97, Slurpee Paramedics, Sue's family, "fun" in chemistry, Homework Central, sweaters, Sarah's laughter, Mr. Scannell, the rock, Hammonasset with Jen and you, and Cape Cod. Thanks Tony for aliens, laughter and sincerity. Other memories include Ella, scream, bulls, subs, Amy, true friends, ice and tears ... on the horizon ...



**Geoffrey A. Chapo**  
*Yippies*

Better get on with living or get on with dying  
I'll remember Mr. Recor's class with Brown and the spinning chair, The Great Whitley Saab, Riding with pegs in bob, The great Taco Bell missions, Kimi, Sara, Peg, curising in the Omni, Mr. Smith's integrated math junior year. We ripped it up at the rage, The times at little peoples, Chillin' at the bachelor pad. I made it thanks to Lee, Mr. Smith, Mark, Mark, Mom, Dad, Amy, Mr. Warbs, and Mrs. Will.



**Stephanie Ann Charamut**  
*Charamut, Charmy*

My memories are Carrie, Rach, Mel, Miss, luv you guys/ friends, casino nights, Mels house. Todd thanks for the great memories, luv you always 11/6/98! Don't forget Carrie/ Jr. prom, fun times, Mel our house, Miss, ski trips, Rach homecoming '98'. Remember Hampton beach, cars. Kee devil boy, Kimmy everyday, Remember Mikey, rodent be good, '99' girls, campout, have fun. Cheerleading '95-'98' luv ya! Mom, Dad thanx for everything luv you.

**Tina Lynn Charbonneau**  
*Charbs, Charbie, Barbie*  
"Don't Judge a Book by its Cover"

To my family thanks, I luv u. Chris I'll always remember our times, I luv u, you have my heart and soul 11-19-96. Aunt Donna you'll always be in my memories. To all my friends I'll always remember you I luv u. Diane I'll always remember the soccer games. Breault's I luv u. Stef enjoy 1 more year of school. Beth, I'll always remember you. Lisa, thanks for the talks. April, thanks for always being there.



**Michael Ciammella**

**Ryan Joseph Cimino**

*Chino, Pop, Chi Chi*

"You're not finished when you lose, you're finished when you quit."

My memories are: Break-down lane with Pops, Mom's klackers, Bro, Amy's Little Prince, & Mer. I won't forget: The Cabin, Cruisin' the Pike, Full Visuals, Christa's, Jr. Prom King, Parkway, Dances, Rage Concert, '98 State Champs, & Bella no ones home. Best friend times were: Catching Dan & Josh, Fitz Precision, Murph get out of the car, Keene with Marc, Legion, Ted's & the clique.



**Eather Maria Cintron**  
*La Loca, Sadd Girl*

First I want to thank God for giving me the strength to come this far with my life, you're the man! Much love, respect and thanks to the Siros family. To my #1 friend MaryEllen Jimenez for always being real, I love you girl. Mad love to the Turtle Crew! What's up to my Loca's, Muneca "aka" Kristina and Bren-nut, love you. To all my people who kept it tight, you know who you are. And to the Class of '98, worldwide good luck and don't forget to keep it live.

**Janelle Colburn**

My memories are: Joey's walk-er, the ice, the Jet, Atlanta 97, Period D Mr. Dake, Junior Prom, Homecomings, Pepralies, Drill Team, Swimteam 94-97, My House 12am, Spacely, Girls Nite Out in Punk's Fish Car, Melissa, Lexie, Julie, Punk, Kitty, Nancy, Lisa & Jo — You Guys Are The Best. Katie You're The Best Friend I Could Ever Ask For — I'll Remember & Cherish All The Memories We Share. Rich & Steve — Thanks For All The Fun, New York City — 77 & Lexington, Fatpack, Mom, Dad, Jeff, Dave, & Mary Kate — Thanks, I Love You All



**Lisa Tamir Conlon**  
*Leese, Jisa, Conlon*

"Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and cannot remain silent." — V. Hugo

I recall Theory, Tenor Boy, Talent Show, Cav & Dudley, Hartt (Nancy, Steve, Herb), Laurel (Barnicle, the guys #1 & 2), Manda (groovy #9), Kathleen C (Stat), and Nick (Methos). I also recall Kathleen M & Jill (All-State/Easterns, recital), Sean, Tre, Mrs D, Mrs Bryers, Mrs Frost, Mr DiCicco, Dr Marcus, Mrs Daniels, Mr Kel (SIMSbury), Mr Ranieri, Bob & Steve, MOZART, Mads, Uncle Steve's, Mom, Dad & Brian.

**Katie A. Cote**

"Life is what you make of it" I will always remember the time I had at Soundview with Steph & Emily. Marco, remember 5-18-97, the crush, beach, phone calls, talks, laughs, tears, smiles, good times and many more. Luv u always. Thanx Emily for advice & talks. Remember the year '96, Josh, remember the junior prom. James, remember times in French class, starring, and memorable talks. Ana, remember the bet. Thanx April for talks, laughs, advice. Dad, Mom & Joe thanx for everything, Luv u always.

**James Daigle**

*Animal, Daigaba, Castor Troy*  
Maturity begins to grow when you can sense your concern for others outweighing your concern for yourself  
Thank-you God. I love you Pete — Paul — Mom — Dad — Ma — Memere, you taught me about life and it helped. I love you Pa. My memories are Waramaug, cemetery, Picard house, backyard football, Jr. Prom — My Girl, bonfires, Face-Off, Days, NWO 4 Life. I also recall Sinatra, Farmaduk, Sabbath night, Niz Office, Con-Air, My Peach, My Lean Baby, I'm not talking, Who'd he call?, 3 Doors, hoops & track.

**Nancy Pauline DeBlasio**  
*Nance, Wanda*

Never forget to say I love you because you may not get a second chance.  
Mom, Dad, and family thanx 4 everything. I luv you. Drew 9/28/96 I luv you always & 4ever & thanx 4 the unforgettable memories, trust, love, friendship, & an influence. You will always have the key to my heart. I'll miss S-ball, B-ball, V-ball, dances, pep-rallies, Mr. Dake, Mr. Kel's truck, Jr. Prom 97 Picard's, Drew 4/13/97, Cemetery, GOTTA REACT, '96 girls, Fitz 7/4/97, great times with '98 girls & Danny, miss you!

**Sarah Natalie DeMarco**

You have to learn to laugh, it's the key to true love.  
Dad, Mom, Beth thanx for everything. I love you. I remember: homework central: Mr. Dake's class; . . . that's where I . . . 2-5-97 forever and always; 5-24-97; Pastor Bob, your guidance; Angie, you are always there. Ree and Tre be true to yourselves; Lara, 5:55 p.m. make a wish; Carrie, Ruby Tuesday's (we gotcha a booth); Ella, long talks, laughing, singing, crying, love ya; Amy, life's a dance. Troubles may come but through Christ I can do all things.

**Michelle Lynn Crowe**

"I am only one, but still I am one, I can't do everything, but still I can do something. I won't refuse to do the something I can do."  
Never forget Upbeat weekends, all-state NWC soccer champ, 18, Golf, summer shows, lighting — Thanks Mr. Kel, the new Upbeat room — Thanks Alice, Vermont, the suburban — Gas \$? Thanks, coach 4 lessons in life, #9, Amanda — Birdie, Amy — except to rules. You're always there Mrs. M — love ya! Thanks 4 everything Doc, Sue & Rich! Mom, Dad, Jen & Mike; you're true inspirations, Thanks — love ya lots!

**Lisa Marie Dauphin**

"Nature tells its secrets not to those who hurry by, but to those who walk with a happy heart and seeing eye."  
Mom, Dad, Sean and Ryan I love you guys. I recollect sessions at the Kuzek's, deep talks with Shayna, Florida & Vermont w/ Liza, Lamo, rainy days on ragged, sunsets, fishing and ripping tubes with Mikey, Rez rides, Katie's rages, Dilbert (2), Salmon River, Kingwood boys, All The Fun Trips With Friends. East-side, I love you guys forever, everyone else I love you too!



**Jennifer Rose DeBiondo**  
*Jenay, Jenny D, Delbs, Niffers*  
"With imagination, you'll get there."

I remember: Dave Matthews' concert, Jr. Prom, all my color-guard pals, football games, upbeat weekends, fun times with Thinners, Stef (red rock), Robin (Grease), Free Ree, Daisy, Kelly (98), Carolyn, Bryan, Matt, Mandy, Trish, Erin, Amo, Sarah Poe, Tuppy Rules (Kate), I was asleep, Garth Live, Band parties, and to everyone else, my heart holds a special place for you. Thanks Mom, dad, Missy, Sarah, Kim. I love you and will miss you all.

**Michael DeMatteo**



**Marie M. DeSanto**  
Ree

I don't know, don't really care. Let there be songs to fill the air. I'll never forget: Free fallin', CAREavan, Beast, DAVE 6/8/97, 104 Fest, Parrotheads 6/8/97, New Year's Calzone, & BARNs. Manda & Laurel — remember Moby Duck, Cracker Barrel, FAB 5, Jell-O Bandits. That's Tackyl Lar & Thene, remember — Rome & Greece '96 — The balcony, Fanta, Bump & Grind Mickey. Other Memories are: UpBeat with PIG, Eimo & Soda runs, Prom Nite Dinnah, Study, & OJ for the crew. I Love you guys!



**Nicholas J. Disantis**  
Nikoli, Your Mentalness

There are no grammar rules for the recesses of the mind. I'll always remember the good times from Ophelia and Youth and Government. To all my friends: Sean Car, Jason, Julie: Keep in touch. The four horsemen: don't get into too much trouble. Hey Doc: Is that a hand in my pocket? There are too many memories and so little space. I love you Kat, I can't wait for our trip. And Brit: don't worry about it.



**Laura Ebner**  
Leurah

"We each hold a light in us that cannot be extinguished. Knowing this we need not fear any darkness."

I'll never forget the coliforms, ultimate, the net, Allmans, Indigo Girls, Coffee Break, sleepovers, & Colorado. Kelly, Linz, & Mike M: you're great friends. Mike P, she's lengthy & lipid... Kris, never leave the boat. Moni, dream of Springfield forever. Kathleen, remember forever friends & letters in red pen. Thanks to God & the Fam for always loving me. I love you too.



**Melissa-Ann Feranski**  
Missa

"In the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make."

I'll never forget res rides, parties, the Saab-drivin around looking for trouble. Much love to Berlin, Ryan — you mean the world to me. Lindsay, you're still my best friend. Dave — my heart belongs to you, don't give up on me. My closest friends — I love you guys — thanx so much for always being there — together forever. Class of '98 we're gonna do fine. The world is in our hands.



**Tina DiLernia**

The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do. Britt, remember the trips to taco bell, prom, 104 fest, safety, Big Day Off, Riverside, parties, car-avan, Bagelz, Jen, remember Big Y, beach, going out, dancing in the street, "remember me." Jason, remember that I Love You Forever and Nothing Else Matters. Richie, we had fun. Lisa, always remember everything, going out, Tomn, Paul, Scott, me I love you honey. Remember the soup or salad. Mom, thanx for everything I love you.



**Jared Dorsey**



**Eric Eltman**

Thanx to my lovin' family for supporting me. To my Bzy, I love you Michelle. To my peeps in Hard Hittin' New Britain and Hartford gotta keep it real.



**Sean Fiske**  
Sean, Fish

"Life is not tried it is merely survived if you're standing outside the fire"

I will miss Chorus, Mads, Shows, Cast Parties, UpBeat Weekends, Ms. Mitchell, Mr. Kel & Mrs. Frost. Never forget the last four years with Nick & the crew, Kathleen — "Thanks for sharing," Kevin & the Killer Curb, Amanda talking constantly, & stupid arguments with Laurel! I'll also remember Marie, Xfiles, & the fab five, & Lisa's funny laugh. Thank you Mom & Dad for everything.



**Brian W. Fitzgerald**

*Fitz, Sherold, Peeg*  
 "I'll remember: Mom, Dad, Shan  
 thanx, luv u. Other memories  
 are: The click (James, Tino,  
 Meth, Tore, Zig), "tap another  
 one," ports, Loungin', Head-  
 masters, Garage, Firehydrant,  
 Wallace, V-ball, Lawnjobs,  
 Baseball 98 State Champs. Rin-  
 gler, French, Nips — it was  
 phat. Chino, Sully, Josh —  
 keep poundin'! I enjoyed: Road-  
 trips, Halftime shows. Dana —  
 it hasn't even begun, 6/27/97,  
 143. James — Late night  
 swims, Deep talks, Best  
 Friends, thanx. Peace to the  
 whole EAST SIDE CONNEC-  
 TION. Grandpa & Grandma  
 RIP, I luv u.

**Joseph Forsyth**  
*Drexel*

Success is to be measured not  
 so much by the positions one  
 has reached in life as by how  
 many obstacles he has over-  
 come.

Thanx Mom, Dad, Coach Day,  
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 7/30/93, 6/2/97, Wrestling,  
 Football, Halloween, 95, Jr. Trip  
 97, M. Malones. Fun with: Fab 4  
 Crew, Rob, Ben (S. River:  
 Tree), Mark (Mr. Fixit, E.  
 Brake), Adam (Powerhouse) &  
 Stankiewicz (Road Kill, Bal-  
 loons), Much Luv to: DrexPlex,  
 The Gap, State Champ 96 and  
 Beaters til I Die!

**Kristen Lindsay Gilbert**  
*Kris*

"You are what your deep,  
 driving desire is. As your de-  
 sire is, so is your will. As your  
 will is, so is your deed. As your  
 deed is, so is your desti-  
 ny."

Thanks to my family, life and  
 love. Friends, love you all.  
 Thanks for the memories. No  
 need to explain them, how  
 can we ever forget. Keep  
 smiling everyone! The sun will  
 give you life, the stars and  
 moon will give you magic, and  
 the earth provides the beauty.  
 Life is good. Peace.

**Beth Ann Giabau**

*Betharod, Bethie, Glabs*  
 Ain't it funny how a melody can  
 bring back a memory, take you  
 to another place in time com-  
 pletely change your state of  
 mind — Clint My high school  
 memories are Atlanta, GoCarts,  
 pike, T-Bird, 18 B-day, Tina's  
 rides, Glastonbury & Manches-  
 ter — thanks Steve. Cathy, it's  
 all cause of you, Cousins for-  
 ever. Joey, thanks for every-  
 thing. Mike/Joey, birds fly south.  
 Mom, Dad, Chris, Janet I love  
 ya! Cathy, Gonz, Joe, Steve,  
 Dean, JoeF, Delbe, Nichole,  
 Rich, Karen, Leah, Tina, April,  
 & everyone else, have fun!

**Leah Marie Fongemie***Leah*

"Even though it's cloudy, the  
 sun will still shine"  
 My memories are: Maya — a  
 life time of friendship, Kristy —  
 Vacations, talks, elbow grease,  
 baby oil, lack of communica-  
 tion, Adib — Bonzo, 9/6/97 ...  
 Missy — leaving late, all the  
 GOOD times, friendship? Sue  
 — I will always remember, driv-  
 ing past, talks, late phone calls,  
 Cromwell, getting caught. The  
 girls never forget, spirit dances,  
 Dave Matthew's 1 & 2, drives.  
 Mom, Dad, & Haley, thanx for  
 everything I luv you always.  
 Haley, I've paved the way for  
 2007, Good Luck, I luv you.

**Christian French****Melissa Gionfriddo**  
*Missy*

I must be traveling on now,  
 there's too many places I've got  
 to see.

I remember: Nights with the  
 girls, talks, drives, Walden, spir-  
 it dances, whiplash, Morten-  
 son's, and many summers. Co-  
 ry, you have a place in my heart.  
 I'll never forget: Kristy, the blind  
 date, your couch, Leah, cork,  
 cold night, Sue, be patient, Sa-  
 rah, drives, Kim, your influence,  
 Ana, paradise, Ryan, dances, T.  
 J., dreams, Mom, Dad, Mike, I  
 love you, thanks, Aaron, sci-  
 ence, Meg, Fairfield, the guys,  
 fun nights. I'll miss everyone!

**Leonard Paul LeRoy Golas**  
*Flem, Felix*

"Its 106 miles to Chicago,  
 we've got a full tank of gas,  
 half a pack of cigarettes, it's  
 dark, and we're wearing sun-  
 glasses." "Hit it!"

I remember Rec — Basket-  
 ball, Mr. Line's class, Espa-  
 nol, Virginia, Celtics games,  
 "Chicken Fuzz" and camp-  
 ing. I'll never forget the time  
 the moose fell down the stairs  
 and broke a rib. I will always  
 remember Mr. Duke's class.  
 All in all it was sort of fun.



**Daniela Michelle Gozzo**  
Gonz, Goz, Gozzo

My memories are: Jr. Prom, nature walk, Graduation Day '97, 18th birthday party, trip to Glas-tonbury and Atlanta, volleyball and softball teams, shopping at the mall, fantastic voyage and eating at Friendly's with the guys, motorcade and pep rally, summer of '97, Sharon's house. Thanx to Ralph, Moose, Heather, April, Tina, Beth, Cathy, Shorty, Liz, Collis, Meg, La, Zoots, Julz, Mucha, Juni, Connie, Sharon luv you all. My best friend Joann luv you. Mrs. King thanx for everything. To my family thanx luv you.



**Catherine Ann Grady**  
Cathy

Life's a dance you learn as you go. — J. M. Montgomery  
My memories are: Fridays on the Pike, Manchester, Atlanta '97, Beth's 18th, Dean's 3000, Gonzo's close call, Glas-tonbury, racing the T-Bird, and limegreen. I'll never forget: golf with Gonzo, 8/10, Brent, ex-plorers, 20 laps at Dairy Queen, and Beth's evening with Neil. Let's go to Mobil! Don't worry we'll make it! Beth, Gonzo, Steve, Joe, Julz, Much, Delbs, Robin, Deano, Joe, Kristen, Leah, luv ya! Thanx to Mom, Dad, Pat — luv ya!

**Nicholas Joseph Greco**  
WEST, Greeko

"It Is Not Over Until I Win!" — Les Brown  
Mom, Dad, & Tony you are the Greatest. I love you. Do you re-call Air Greco, Guze Man, 2:30, Jello, One Head Light, Pooky, Close-up, Herald Boxes, Little Boy Blue, Stowe, AC/DC, Rosie, ZZ Top, Dave, Buffett, Prom, Who Is That?, East Beach, VT., ME, Chant Problem, Orange & Green & I have it! Thank you Dean, Kelly, Scott, Sara, Deena, & Chris. Linz, you are my True Companion. Thank you for your Honesty, Strength, & Love. I Love You!



**Kyle Guzze**  
"Goose"

Patience is a virtue.  
I will remember John, Hayes, Len, Tim, Mike, Vino, Kevin and Al. I will never forget Ten-nis and coach Smith. I would like to thank my teachers for my education and my parents for their support. Good Luck to everybody in the future.

**Megan Marie Hannifan**  
Keg, Hana

Guard your dreams of life deep in your heart.  
I remember Bahamas, 3 a.m. drive night, advice w/ Dana, forever friend, Dan remember long talks, laughs, always there for you. Tara we had laughs, tears, summer 96 with girls, Christa you're a true friend. Mom re-mem-ber Hawaii. I remember 98 girls & guys. Teddy I'll remem-ber 1/96, "One More Try." Stanley Quarter, crash, reser-voir, our time shared, my luv for you always. Dad, Mom, Col-leen, Ryan, Murphy, thank you, I love you with all my heart.



**Michael Anthony Haynes**  
"Automatic Haynes" "Ramon"

"When your down and your hurt, a little angel's gonna whisper, get up you bum!"  
I remember when Ramblis got stuffed by the rim while shooting lay-ups in basketball practice. I will never forget when "Chickenfuzz" "the Goose," "Careela," "Mr. Z," "the Nose," and I Piled in the Colt for a ride. Made a great speech in Dr. Mar-cus' class, trying to salvage a hor-rid effort made by the Peanut Gal-ery. Some fond memories are of Senia picking a fight with Flemly in Gym. In Rec-Ball we had fun, es-pecially when Senia threw chairs around. We beat the best team in the league in double overtime.

**Christopher Lee Hill**  
Chris, Hilly

For whatever is sought, when one goes a looking there shall it be.  
I remember Nan's, old grand-dad and the mystery sewer and woods adventures. Also wash-ing clothes and new-years. I re-mem-ber loud music and River-side, dave mathews misadventures for a first con-cert, fireworks, cotton candy. I love Beach trips, the best, and smart chem teacher. They're all a bunch of ani-mals/comedians/2 year olds so send them all back to the zoo and biotrips. Chlorophyll rules and the most special person to me, Deena, always more.



**Sara Beth Jaquith**  
ConeyB, Jaquitha

When you reach for the stars, you may not get one, but you won't come up with a handful of mud either.  
To my friends, I love you more than words can say. I will remember Dave, April vaca-tion, prom (invasion). Who is that? 11th hole, deck (3), housitting, sleepovers, glade, drivebys, Tupperware, Bulliet, big day off, spirit dances, softball (boyfriends on the bus), and many laughs. Best wishes to everyone! Mom, Dad, and Suzy, thanks for the support. I love you.

**Kimberly Joanne Jeske**  
Kimmy

I'll never forget summer 96-97, cockroaches, trampolines, WU Tang concert, Mr. Warb's class, stairs Tom's drawings, Shaker's sense of humor, adidas, all the rest. Suzy is my sis forever. Remember endless fun. I love you. I send much love to Cory (bestest), Allison, Kate, Heather, Courtney, Shaker, Tommy, New Kid, and MaryAnn, Heather, you complete me. Courtney, get out of the road! Dan, thanks for the laughs, bro. To the whole crew, remember the good times, and keep it real.



**Monica Marion Kaczor**  
Mo, Moni, Mariana Kah

"Happiness is not getting what you want, but wanting what you've got."

I remember my family's love, support, and van trips. My memories are Jr. Prom, Homecoming, band trips, bio trips, Nu Team, color guard dances, Wa-Wah, UpBeat weekends, Elmo runs, all nights, Morgan, Deerduster, phone velcro, nice pants, daily math comments, and friends: Krissie, Laura, Kathieen, Mike, Erin, Linz, Kelly, and Steph (pasta). Michael — you have my heart and future, July 9, roses, and love.

**Amy Kalentkowski**  
"Ki-Ki"

"That which does not kill us makes us stronger"  
Ela, Jessie, Ghadeer, Lucy — I will always remember the good times we had. Never forget PACOS, Polanka, parties, Justyna. The Pedros, etc. Someday we'll get that apartment! I'd like to wish everyone good luck in the future. Mom, Dad, Ryan — thanx!!



**Christopher Kanaple**

**Mike Karwowski**



**Mike Kaseta**  
Eda

Thanks Mom and Dad for all your help. I like 4 wheeling in the Toyota with Ben & cruising down the pike blowing away Cameros. You gotta dump the clutch and peel in the Stang. Joe M., You are welcome for the blueberry tart. Hanging out in Nev's garage and Mr. Smith's class was fun. The trips to Vt. with Kuehn were great. The trip to the beach with Al, Ben, & Dre was even better. Hanging out at Hooters with my friends was the best.

**Ryan Kavarsky**  
KAVAR

Below high seas swimming under chaos the dolphins indulge in coral kingdoms  
I'll always remember rides in the Riv, Carabetas, cliff jumping, The crew, Rich, Kyle, Dan, Justin, Kristian, Jen, thanx for everything, I'll never forget rides to the beach, Kyle, late nights till six. Missa, thanx for all the love you gave me. Dan, Kyle brothers in (you know what) Rich, Kristian Justin thanx for everything. much love to Cory, Tom and Hartford. oh yah, and dan.



**Jesse Marie Kavumpurath**  
Jess, JessKav, Jesska

"It takes a long time to make an old friend."

I'll remember being hooked on malls & phones 24-7, bazaars, notes, parties, Stanley Quarters, New Britain Fashion Show & Drive. I won't forget the midnight talk on 7-97, the duel, the gang, Paco, Lucy's phone, Lala's contagious laugh, the big red drawing, Elka's sporty sunshine shirt, Carolina's tommy jeans, Stan's sunroof, Wuks' shirts, Amy, Justina, & Rich Brown. I'll miss you all. Thanks God, Dad, Mom, Jaime: I love you.

**Jennifer Lynn Kohl**  
Jenn, Lexie, Scoles

"Special moments never last, but the memories are forever." Mom, Dad, Kristen, & Amy, thanx for your luv & support. Eddie I luv you & thanx for 2 great years (10/22) & many more. To the girls of 98, thanx for many memories, I luv you. Some are; Picards, Jr. Prom, pep rallies, dances, girtalks, lawnmower, cemetery, the truck, & sage. Other memories are Waramaug, shaving cream, "whatever," cards, spoons, 98 guys, Mr. Duke, fences, Joey's walker, soccer & cheerleading.



**Richard Kusy**  
Dick

Life is what's coming not what was  
I will remember The hotel, Riviera, Did it look important?, it's free, bread box, fleetwood, riverside, mix the night, paintballs, sandwich, the shoe. Dan save some money and have another, and, Kyle slow down and keep it down, I will also remember, the garage, silver lake Julie, are my eyes red, mattie, the best girls, the cat, shake that money maker, monte, See ya



**Steve LaBella**  
SLEVE

Maybe you'll find direction around some corner where it's been waiting to meet you.  
My memories are Chillin on The One And Only Eastside, Camping on Lamp and Salmon river, Endless hours of practice with DJ and Matt, Hanging with the Kingswood Boys, Weekends in Coventry with DJ, The Great Went, Summer shows 97, Allman Bros in NYC with Mike, Jeff, and Shell, Nights in the Barn, Jam sessions, and Mountain biking. I want to thank all my friends for being there for me, I will miss you all.



**Thomas Legnani**



**Aaron Kuehn**  
Kuehn, THE KID

"I am prepared to meet the World. Whether the world is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter." Thanx Mom. Dad And Family For The Support Over The Years. Kris Thanx For A Great 1st Day, Weekends At The Track, Long Nights At The Garage, Thanks Jaggs, Brian, Dean The Race Team Your, The Best. Chuck Best Friend 4 Ever, Thanks For Giving Me A Chance, Thanx To The Guys. The Bin, And Trips To VT. Kris Always A Place For You In My Heart.



**Sarah Beth Kuszek**  
Say-Funk, Say-Rah

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**Jennifer Carole Lavoie**  
Jen, Jenni

It's the unseen things that are the most important  
Mom, Dad, Tina, Tom — I love you guys. I will always remember — Jeff 4/3/79-4/13/96. Homecoming 95/96, Prom '97, Mike's kids, Red Cross 95-98, Math with April (7 years), 4 years with Smith, so serious. Brittany, Tina, Candace, Lien, Jaime, Roy, Katie Nichole, Nick, Chris, Zig, Dan, Kelly — Thanks for the memories. Kelly never forget Academy 97, Naps, beware of the penguins. Jamie, Joey, Becca, Jeffy — I Love You.



**Adam D. Ligas**  
Ligas, Leeg

"You don't have a chance unless you take one"  
I will always remember: The Berlin Wall Lounge, "The Pass Master," Bazooka Bubble Gum, Burger Runs & The Trip to Florida. I'll Never forget: The Windup Car, The Basement, The Company, East Berlin Pool, & Late Nights. I Shout Out to: Chris, Greg, Joy, Tom, Vito, Nev, Murf, Wolfe, Mr. Recor, Mr. Pasco, Mrs. Bryers, and all my other friends and family. I couldn't have done it without all of you. "Friends become our chosen families"





**Heather Lizotte**  
Blondie, Heath

Everyone wants happiness no one wants to change. April remember wannu ears. Gonz remember eatin cat food, golf downlow, hammock, Ralph never 4get candle, darts, hidden-seek, freshmen Charb remember choc. mint 5/12/97. Kim u complete me, go marbs, chillin at mall. Allison remember what who said that, as cool as u r, Katie never 4get 8/16/97 bike rack, no hands. Kyle u will always have a special place in my heart, thanx 4 the memories 143. Mon/sis thanx luv u.



**Matt Machowski**  
Machow, Mattie

To discover yourself and your own potential  
My memories are hanging with Nick, Joe and all the good trips we took. I remember the trailor with the East Berlin boys, mountain biking, skating, snowboarding, Vermont trips, camping, Going to Kingswood, treefort 1, 2, Going to Plattsburg N.Y., = meeting Callista, News garage, Sarahs, Nicky, hikes with shell, goobs, Justin, Ali my injuries. I'll remember going to Oregon. To all my friends and family love ya. Thanx Callista love ya forever.



**Liza Manafort**  
Chiza

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**Brett A. Margentino**  
Marge, Tino

Without friends you have nothing  
I will never forget French, Ringler, Justin, Memories of Sully, Chino, Josh and Murp 30's, memories of Megan, Mich, Bean, the drives to the parkway. Meg, love you always 3/22/97, 9/12. Mom and Leah love you. Thanks for everything. Grandpa Marge and Dad rest in peace. I miss you and will love you always. Grandma and Grandpa thanks for everything. I love you both. Gram Marge I love you.



**John Luca**



**Catherine Ann Mahoney**  
Katie, KT, Kate

Never forget The Rez, and the big snakes, the hikes up ragged. Homecoming 95,96, Junior Prom Claripaks in Daytona, A-Z with Kim, Going to Block Island, Apartment 30, Creeping with Allison. "We going to da beach" 9-16-97 was the best. Don't talk to me Heather. Don't ever forget watching the coloring show with Sonya. Shut up Julz, I remember hanging out in the bathroom. The trip to Oregon. Thank you Matty! I love you Sis. "Where's the water?" Going to the 104fest, and Wu Tang with everyone.



**Joseph Edward Manzi**  
Joe

"Our lives are better left to chance. I could have missed the pain but I'd a had to miss the dance."  
I remember riding the sand pit with mike. I thought there was oil in my bike! Great times with the guys — Eda, Ben, Joe. Great times with the girls — Angie, Melissa, love you guys. NICOLE, 143 — 4/12/97 — I'll never forget our times together and with Angie, Big Brown and Rogers Lake. I will always love you Nicole. You will always be with me, I promise. Mom, Dad, Ant, Dallas, thanks for everything. Love you guys!



**Connie Marturano**  
Con

We fear the thing we want the most.  
My friends, never let anyone or anything get in the way of your dreams. You created my memories. Christina, thanx for listening. Zoots, I am always there for u. Anna always remember the mustang. Julz and Katie never forget u. Let there be no more heartbreaks. Luv my family. Memories are football/zoots, camping, towns, eggs Jr. Prom, CVS, driving, club, Ed's house, late nights, tears and laughs. Good luck everyone until we meet again.





**Jimi Alan Marturano**  
*Kid*

"... deep beneath the rolling waves, through labyrinths and coral caves ..."

I remember the wonderful people that got me where I am today, all of the sheltered people who taught me to speak my mind, and all of the authoritative figures that tried to bring me down, I thank my family, the whole black rock posse for keeping it real, and all the hip hop kids for staying rugged.



**Natalie Marynczak**

We must learn to reawaken and keep ourselves awake, not by mechanical aids, but by an infinite expectation of the dawn.

My heart will forever hold memories of Lamo, Southfield, Vermont, (re)meeting friends, garage days, Ragged, MagnaDoodle, parties, community car, trips we took, HORDE, reviving after slick nights, the Great White, res rides, and the Ruffneck Reality. Peace to all that have touched my life. Thanks for the memories. I love you. (Woo-woo!)



**Kelly Ames Matson**

Thank mom, dad, Ryan, gram, gramp, meme&pepe I Luv U! Mich&Amanda-You were the strength I needed to get by at times. Doug thanx for the memories, same deal always. James your luv and friendship will never be forgotten(3/1/96. Mich, Dana, Brian&James-summer 96. I'll miss late nites in Indiana, music&long talks. Remember-Johns lawn job-nites at Bretts-painting signs -Celine-Lily-Jr Proms-horsehows-Fl, 97-the pit-drill team-SR. Pep rally-Mailbu(the next morn)-Fliz-the sube-97 girls-gotta react! 98 girls&guys-the best memories are yet to come!



**Todd Andrew May**  
*"Whoohoo" (Homer Simpson)*

Thanks for everything mom, dad, Greg, Gwen&Mike love you all.Steph, thanks for all the great times love you! My memories are skynyrd & allman concerts, nanny on vacation, double J's, cabins rise and fall, Friday night football games, sports talk, Hampton beach, crashing the car, parties, cleaning up, memories I haven't made yet, to all my friends a few more good times.



**Lindsey Ann Marut**  
*Linz, Kid*

"Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans" — John Lennon  
Mom & Dad, thanks, I love you. Do you remember running in the rain, Rocky, Tigger, & 7, Atlanta & '97, pooky, the bullet the caddy, block party '96, of-froading, wilderness chicks, Dave, East Beach, Prom, the hammock, Stowe, Unks, The Guard, Butterfly Bunch, jello, the kitchen, & 1 headlight? Deena, Sara,Kelly, Scott, Dean, Capen & Mike, thanks for everything. Nick, thanks for holding my hand.



**Christopher Marzec**



**Jessica Kimball Matta**  
*Jes*

Maybe if we are surrounded in beauty, someday we will become what we see.



**Michael David McKinniss**

Long ago/Sin pumped through my veins/Long ago/The blood washed it away/still today/That night just makes me shiver/I hang my head/I shake myself/Am I that man forever The Prayer Chain  
I recall George N. Parks, Enfield, Drill Sergeant, band camps, band in Va, band juice, Alicia, English trip — thanks Linz, scoring points, & Frisbee. I loved Bio, trips, labs w/Kelly, Bill Nye, the vagueness, "learnad," Grass Roots, Youth Group & Gracie's, Creation, Jr. prom, Betty, & Whirlpool.



**Thomas S. Messina**  
Tom, Sal Solo

"Knowledge is Power"



**Alyson Milardo**  
Aly

I only ask to be free. The butterflies are free. Remember Mosh pits in the van. I thought I had it all figured out. See you later, Emily Jayne. They made me leave. Nobody understands me. I'm back. Can't forget going to after hours at The Munie. My hand is so far away. I'll miss you, Nate, see you out west. Thanks to everyone that was there for me at B.H.S. I love my family, and I love you, Non and Pop. Late. I'm out. Nobody can touch me now.

**Deena Elizabeth Miller**

When it comes to love, too much is never enough. My memories are: Dad, Jen and Family — Love Always. I will never forget April vacation '97, Dave Matthews, Homecoming, Prom '97 — Dan's, Europe, running in the rain, girls night, talks, firefly's, Newport, Sugar Magnolia, house-sitting, morning hallway, shopping with Sara, East Beach, the woods, new friendships with memories that will last a lifetime, and especially 3-20-97. Chris, thanks for always making me feel better. Sara, Lindsey, and Kelly — Best Friends Forever.



**Tracy Ann Miller**  
Trace, Tray

I'll always remember tag sales at 46 Roxbury Road, launchers, 3 2001, the french car, ally's tire, north street, squirt, seventh period gym class (NBHS) foodmart crew, Annette, my best friend, the firm, cisco, safety boy(subway) coffee grinds, wrong way, code names, Todd from foodbag Aquinas boys, Jackie's pants, smelts, \$18,000 reward. Can we go to guidance? Good Luck Class of 1998.

**Amanda Neva Mitchell**  
Manda, Mandy

Forget regret or life is yours to miss. — Rent  
I recall: Laurel — sisters, shows, mads; Lisa — Copperfield, Dudley, hart; Sean — Harvey, talks, 4:30 kickout; Ree — Harley pig, no sleep, prom; Leaner — new friend; Kris — goldfish; Michelle — summer show; Kelly — 3rd grade; Jay — 2 years, phone call away. Good luck to my little brother Johnny — T. Sara — Mom — Dad — I love you. I also recall: Mr. Kel — long chats, "This is not good"; Frost — talks; Ms. Mitchell — Walmart, new room; Delbs — 12 years; Jen-silver pants.



**Maria Monaco**

"I never think of the future. It comes soon enough." — Einstein  
I remember: Upbeat weekends, the bus rides, the new room, biology trips in the rain, phytoplankton forever, the boat, calculus and geometry sets, Lisa for being so nice, and the entire Senior Board.

**Kevin Moon**  
Floor boy

Shorten your chain! — Hans Ray  
Thanks to my family for putting up with me. I'll never forget Lamentation, Ragged, Sages Ravine, White Mountains, and climbing up the ice face of Bear. It was funny when Chad fell off the 360. I'll remember all the guys at Suburban, Goobs, Brags, Katie, Chad, the security alarm, air ducts and the man with a smirk on his face. The Allman Brothers and Dave Matthews concerts were great.



**Ana Maria Morant**  
Yana, Ana Frank, T-2

"Love and Happiness can make anything possible"  
Thanks for the love and support Mom, Dad, Mel, Fezz. I love u. My memories are Kim, my second half, I love u, cliff, The Town, Manie, Mase, adams, toilet at 2001, Stecks, Ernie, Kim Rd, personal problems, football game with ?, talks, cries, best-friends. Kristy your cool. Missy we had paradise. "CHRIS" you have a piece of my heart. Manie I love u, thanks for everything. Thanks you for all the memories and good luck to everyone.

**AnnaMaria Mucha**  
Mooch, Mucha, Hoochie

Keep smiling. Thanks Mom for everything you have done for me, I love you. Julie, I will never forget all the fun we had, please. US Tunxis girls have to stick together. Connie and Theresa, you are great friends. Never forget Ed, flamingo, and Ducky. Kelly, thanks for being there. Always remember Josh, Seth, the Mikes, and our friendship forever. Tony and the Subway crew, thanks for everything you have done for me. To the class of '98, good luck and good bye. Gonzo, how's the English paper going?

**Eric J. Murphy**  
Murph

I've tried everything in my life, things I like, I've tried them twice. (L.S.) Mom, Dad, Allison, Kelly, thanks for everything. I love you all. Kyle, my greatest influence. Emily, thanks for all the special times we've shared. Love you, you know. I remember: Times at Nan's; the CABIN; Andrew Maloney, thanks for good times, Dad where is it? I recall: Being with Josh at Timberlin and Mary-Beth's circle; Dan (they're at Bella); Todd & Pen's bike ride; Concerts — Allmans (did I see that?) Skynyrd 2/Jerry & Ronz. Chino, Where are we? Begin' the system with Parks. Fresh, year w/Szczepanik. Kristin, thanks for long talks. Santana. Thanks Adol!

**Julia Kristine Nardine**  
Julz, Big Julz, Fatty, Blue

Mom & Dad, Nana & Papa, thanks for everything. I'll always love you. Theresa, never forget Hilton Head & thanks for all you've done. You're always my best friend. Anna, always remember all the fun times. US Tunxis girls have to stick together. Connie & Katie, thanks for being there for me. Remember all the fun times, Ed, & nail polish. Rich, I'll never forget you. 143. Christina, good luck. Ryan, thanks for everything. Marg, you'll always be my little sis. Heather, PLEASE! Remember 1-203. Kelly, remember lips & anatomy.

**Michael W. Nevelos**  
Nev

"I haven't always done everything in life the right way, but I always did it my way." Thank you Dad and Mom for giving me more love than anyone would ever have needed in a lifetime. 6/19/95: I want to thank you for a real good time. To my whole East Side family, I love you more than words can tell. Sphe, you're the best. I remember Phishin' with Jeff and Shell, 4/20/96! Eda and the stang. Liza and ice cream, Ireland and the can, Kingswood and the Dank Boys.



**Benjamin M. Murphy**  
Murph

Everyday above the dirt is a good day Mom, Dad, Gram thanx4putting upwithme. I luvu Eastside till I die. I remember: Football, pike, spin'em, Yota, Sphe, S. river, Velvit Jones, lounjin, lamo, Tuesdays, 17th-AL, Bryers, Rec. ball, O.diner, Eda, Adol, par kway, 4-wheelin', Late night at Hawthorne, Monsterruck rumble, I awnjobsd. bikes, throw in a lip, Sabbath night, penguin, fan, taste like honey, cans on the roof, Drexler, Whitehats-100lbs. To all my boys, lotsa love, its been a blast!

**Stephen George Nappi**  
Napp, Nappi

"Bad things happen to good people" My memories are, Kim, 3yrs of Love, Friendship, and Nappiness, 11/30/94, 823, Florida, I o a f i n D a v i o n a, muchies RedLedy, gasa, tacks, and many others. I'll remember 1940's, hole, window oops, donuts-lawns, Chris, FL, southgton, stopsign with Todd, Disney probs, lost in FL hood, bike, pole with John, nans, centerelli with Murph, and silver lake, cottage with Tony. I Also Thank my family for all their love and support

**Julie Rebecca Neilan**  
Julies

"Learn to live love and laugh" My memories are: Cape-Skaket, Warmog-spoons, shaving, medkit, iceman, Kmart-Atlanta, Jr. Eng-Joe's walker, MrDake-washroom, peprallies, dances, mower, Kelstruck, Janelles-12am, campouts, 96-98 Picards-videos, fashions, Jr. prom, Dave Matthews, Bob, cemetery, Jet-smokin, Crua, C-guard, track-Mona, Waterford beach & na vy seals. Kits, Punk, Stef, Linz, Lisa, Danny, Lex, Nance, Janelle & Kato, thanx for the laughs & great times. Mom, Dad & Kev, Dan (have 3 great yrs) I love you, thanks.

**Dawn Leslie Newell**  
D. Shwag, Dawna

"If I could show you how I feel you wouldn't bother me." SH I remember parties, summer 97, Circusland, Municipal, Sports Palace, Venom, Reo, Kenry, and Woodruff. It has always been real with the condos, Larry, Eastside, Westside, and Chestnut. To the one who I'm forever with, Seb, much love. It all started with Natalie, Rocky Hill, house trickery, enlisting, and Vanillaroma. Thanx to Mom and Jim. No need to list names, just look around and see the sypher. We be the baddest clique up on this scene.

**Candace Sue Norton**  
Candy Cane

"If you hold on to the past with both hands you will not be able to grasp the future!"  
Thank you Mom&Dad for believing in me. I love you both a great deal. My memories with Len are, Dance lessons, the gym, movies, (mall, the salon, Friendly's, cruise hopes, prom dreams, after school walks, NO CAR, Foodmart, & our fun cooking project. Thanks to all of my past & present teachers for guiding me in the right direction. Here is to new and better memories. See ya Berlin High hello life!



**Robin Marie O'Brien**  
Robeen

I'll never forget: 121 daises, elmo runs, where's your car?, driveby dropoffs, incognito, jellyboy, tablemarkers, Dave on June 8, cheap \$2, junior buddies, football games, boxers, Atlanta, troubles, hockey, seat 369, Willard, lucky charms, little teapot, upbeat weekends, wakeup call, Mickey, Rich 2am, on target, ALL, free falling, night swimming, Harley, TBI patients, mac/cheese. To all my friends I love you all, good luck in the future. Mom, Dad, Stacy and Keemo, love & thanx.



**Emily Olson**



**Amy Lynne Osiecki**  
Amo

Gray skies are gonna clear up. Put on a happy face.  
I'll always remember; marching band, Atlanta 97, Upbeat weekends, 5/24/97, 6/8/97, Elmo runs, Hesse Hesse, fun times, Junior Prom, Service League, Harley Pig, Upbeat plays, Kelly: midnight sale, ice, a second sister, Michelle: dork, laughing, crying, an inspiration, Carrie: Honk Honk, true friends, Oujii, Robin: roll hockey. Thanks and love to Mom, Dad, Jill, Stacey, Jen, Ella, Sarah, Marie, Daisy, Amanda, Kelsey, all my other friends.



**Scott Michael Novak**

Thanks to my friends and family for all your love and support. I love you Mom, Dad and Lauren. I will never forget April vacation, Prom night, Dan's house, Dave Matthews, the 11th hole, staring at the stars too long, car rides, Buick 180's, house-sitting, mailboxes, glade, doilies, Stowe Hill, nights with bikers, no headlights with the girls, the woods, blimp rides, The HONDA, four wheeling, drum corps, football games, and Partners in Crime Nick, Dean and Dan.



**Stephanie Jo Odell**  
Steph, Jo, the net

Before you know the future is the past.  
Thanks Mom, Dad, Jen, Matt, Gram, & Gramp. I recall 95 Old Lyme, Picards, Crua, video, bulbs, FL, Jr prom, mower, Warmog, pep rally — Kel's car, Homecoming — Kity, purple, concert gals, campouts, top gun, Bono, coliform, bucky, some, & Jacquithas pals, I'll miss Kits, Punk, Linz, Julie, Mav, Lis, Dan, Nanc, Jen, Katie, Jan, T.J., Ken, Jer, Adam, & Daigle. Soccer & s-ball girls I love you 4ever. Gram & Gramp RIP & love remains. Bye.



**Kristy Marie Olson**  
Kee, Kiwi

"Only the good die young"  
My Memories are: Missy — July 4th '96; Partys, Elbow Grease, Best Friends, Leah Dashboard Beach '96; '97, baby oil, New years '96; Sue — Spirit dance '96; Kim — Newington guys; Sharms — summer '95, devil boy; Mike — 5/16/97 I love you 7/27/97; Char — '94, I love you. Ana — Spirit dances, talks, Kristy, you're cool. My times with the girls were; Sarah's party, Drives, Dave Matthews. Thanks Miss, Mom and Dad I love you!



**Athina Panagopoulos**  
Thene, Theners, Enyay,

The important thing is not what others think of me, but what I think of me.  
I remember: #9, #18, Atlanta, flying meat, two flying, delicious dish, nutmunch, soccer team, NWC champs, Alto F Horn, Upbeat Weekends, setback, little teapot, harley pig, Rome and Greece, Fanta, Low, bress Rockall also remember: Jr prom, paste parties, bio, trips, Walden, Chem class, Football games, Let's go Berlin, 55 cent, pig tails. To all my friends: I love you all! Good Luck in the Future! Thanks Mom, Dad, Denny, Angie for everything!



**Chris Parks**  
Parksy, Cookie

All that is now, all that is gone, all that's to come, and everything under the sun is in tune, but the sun is eclipsed by the moon. — Pink Floyd  
Things from school to remember are: chemistry class, biology trip, physics, gym, and all math classes. People to remember and thank are the boys: Murphy and mission impossible, Hill for being foolhardy, McKenniss for being the only one to get my jokes, May for the new cabin, Koutin for being my mechanic, and all the smart kids, don't burn yourselves out too early in life. I hope to never forget proms, the hockey times, and Portofino's.



**Daniela Pasi**

"Recovering from failure is often easier than building from success"  
Thanks to my parents for helping me to keep going. I will always remember how much fun I had in cross-country and in track (the long practices for the championship). Thanks to all my teachers for guiding me in the right path.

**Michael Jonathan Payette**  
Mike, Payette, Arctic Boy

"There are no such things as problems, only tremendous opportunities to test your creative thinking." — George N. Parks  
I remember Band trips, jazz Up-Beat Weekends, Bio trips, Junior Prom, Riverside limos, pointless chats, & patio pyrotechnics. I recall the dino blanket, 12AM, Dairy Queen, & la vache. I thank my Mom & Dad, Kate, & my friends: Erin, Kelly, Krissie, Scott, Deena, Mike, Lindsey, Sara, Laura, Kathleen, & Monica (July 9th) — you always have a place in my heart.



**John Joseph Pentore**  
Tore, Pen

"Follow your dreams and enjoy the trip"  
My Memories are: To my Family love and thanx. I'll remember the Clique Fitz, Ver, Marge, Peth, Zig, Loungin at Tino's Fitz Garage, French, Jeff, Tin, it's been fun, Dan & Josh breath mints, Sarah 9-21-96 my love and memories. I remember V-ball, pool hopping, Spirit Dances, Full Visuals, Pavillion, Sue-talks 98 GOOD LUCK.

**Kristina Lynne Peterson**  
Krissie, Kris

"The love we give and receive is all that matters and all that is remembered. Suffering disappears; love remains."  
I recall: nice pants, band trips, color guard (aww kitty kitty), coffee break, the boat, goldfish, UpBeat Weekends, Calumet, dead man's shorts, marshmallow boy, Project O, Hesse, bucky ball, the spanish 3, junior prom, DNA model. I'll never forget Monica, Laura, Kathleen, Erin, Mike — I love you guys; Mom, Dad, Mike — my support and best friends — shopping trips.



**Marc Platek**

**Lindsay Picard**  
Linds, P-Nut

Mom, Dad, Ry, thanks, I love you—I remember: Cape, surf god, Skaket-NH trip-Hamilton, bulbs, Punks loot, Deb, peeping tom-Warmog, cards, shave-Dake, balloons, 2-homecomign, Kitys-JrProm-Top Gun-apples-v-ball-Dream-Joey's walker-Atlanta—I remember: pep rally, Kels truck, mower, concerts-Jans 12am-Party Pad, purple, fashion, videos-campouts-TJs- Stefs1/1/97-Crua- Mis, 10yrs-Adam: Days, 6/9/97 bestfriends 4ever! —Kits, Punk, Stef, Julie, May, Lis, Civ, Nanc, Kel, Lex, T.J, Ken, Jer&Daigle, love you guys!



**Brittany Rae Platek**  
Nay

May the road always rise to meet your feet, and the wind be your back. — Irish Blessing  
TINA, remember trips to Tacobell, concerts, door-knob, runningway, & the rest. JOY, remember extracrispy at the fest, the lake to Keikolos to Newyork, & after homecoming. SHAUNA, you're a year late. MICHELE, my love always. NICK, sorry about your eye. THE CREW, remember the mountain, lake, Big & Little Dork & all the falls. Im sorry, I love you.



**Annette Powojski**  
Annett, Anetka, Sequin

I LOVE YOU Mom, Dad, Pete, and Tinka. Thanks for always being there. Tracy, my best friend, always remember. New Britain, Broad, North, Oak, 40 hours, mmm... grass, BEAR, send copy to Hartford, Foodmart, 3 dollars, Sequin, Dean, and Ricky, Los Nuevos, code names, Biggie, the many laughs and cries. Kristy don't ever forget the dirty penny. Aggie, always remember camping, Midletown guys, khakis, Newport 730's, Sweet 16, and all of the laughs. Good luck to the class of 1998!



**Caitlin Elizabeth Reilly**  
Kitty, Kitts

Smile a lot. It costs nothing and is beyond price.

Thank you Mom, Dad & Michael for everything — I love you! I'll always remember: Waramug — all night, Dake,?: Cape Cod; Atlanta; English trip — Joey's walker; Ski trip; V-ball camp, Punk's — loot, peeping Tom, buds — Deb & Fly; Crua breakdown; Picard's party pad — videos, sleepovers, fashion show, purple; meetings: campouts; the fall; dances, Rally. Mower, volleyball, basketball; my twin. To all of my friends — Thanks for the memories & good times! Michael — best of luck at Kingwood!



**Lisa Ann Roberge**  
Sue; Lee

The greatest mistake a man can make is 2 be afraid of making 1.

I love my little bro. My sis Kim remember/laughs pictures games. Cory, litter doesn't create jobs. Thanks 4 all the info. Honey/O.K. Scott U R my brother. I love all my little people. My boy Tom, thanks 4 the firsts. Thanks 2 everyone 4 the memories. I'll remember going out with: Tom, Paul, Scott, Tina, Brian, Jason, Alex, Kim, Art, Reese, Connie.



**Iwona Sabino**



**Amy Marie Punkunus**  
Punk

"A journey of 1,000 miles begins with one small step." I'll always remember: Cape Cod-jetski, baggy pants, Warmog — all night, June 7, Picard's, videos, dances, Jr Prom, Jr, English trip — Joey's walker, Crua — breakdown, V-ball — peeping tom, fashion show — purple, peprally campouts, mower, meetings, girls night out — van, fish and pine Florida — puffed wheat, tan. For all my friends — thanks for the memories. Thanks Mom, Dad, Bob, Jim I love you.



**Joseph Roberge**  
Dre, Billyjoe, Robajoe

"A bad day of fishing is better then a good day at work" I remember, smoke shows at cruise night, CHEYY POWER. It tastes like honey. Won't forget Adolf, Salmon river, 4x4, yota, Lamo, Bryers' bash, wheel barrel, the fan, monster truck rally, crush'um, Marine trip, goalystove, Killer trout, night of terror, sabeth night, 8lb bass Meirmeir, 9lb trout Gills pond, Dans' field, outside Wolfe, 12 and Trolley.



**Cory Peter Robinson**  
Co Wobbins, Robindale

Litter, it creates jobs. My memories are Becca 143, hartford CT, true east, (Tommy, Newkid, Shaker keep it real) kimmy bestest, 305-315, media everywhere, sara seventh grade, show, hot time, game, moped, heath, cort, sue, I also think of riv, izuzu, mobil runs, stepenwolf, test, gettin em, fine boston. I give respect to lisa and adidas. I remember the barn, happy new year, dude man dude, initials, run, adude. Mom and Dad much love much respect, thanks.



**Stephanie Dorothea Sacharko**  
Stef, POOH, Cuddles

"Today is tomorrow's yesterday — so make it count." My memories are: Kelly, best friends, talks, Shane, concerts, Taco Bell, and garage. Tim I give you my heart and ever lasting love 6/3/96, 4/13/97, proms, talks, and 624. Crowe, we will always share a special friendship. Robin don't forget the night you broke your promise, 98. Jen remember paint thinner, no doubt, true love. Never forget soccer, basketball, and track, David, Mom, dad, Baci thanks for everything luv you always.



**Kimberly Anne Salamon**  
*Kimmy, Kim Firststart, Saler,  
 Salamon*

Life moves pretty fast, if you don't look around, you may miss it. Ana, you are my other half. We had, talks, cliff, personals, chases, Kim Road, 2:15, not talking, Stecks, Altima, Bruise, Bullet, Town, Adams, Man, Mase, toilet, game w/? Scottie, we had, the good&bad, Scream, sugar, Porcy's, ride, games, fight My friends; we had, beach, bad influence, Morty, Hartford, HiLo, advice, my keys, cup in bush, stink, bait, Dave Matthews(Ben), piercing, parties, Dad&Mom luv U thanx.



**Michael David Scerra Jr.**  
*"The Nose", "Trigger"*

"Take advantage of other people's misfortunes because one can learn a lot more from them than they think." I always will remember the good times I spent with my friends. Automatic Haynes' "The Goose", "Careferer", "Pills", "Flem", "Skippy", and "Astro-turf boy." I will never forget the times when I annoyed "Pills" by using his famous sayings, such as "Saturday, I overslept, I ain't going nowhere!" Finally I will never forget how much fun I had playing tennis.

**Dana A. Schaller**  
*D*

Sometimes you're the pigeon, and sometimes you're the statue.

Liza, Lisa, Charlene, Kristen, Nate, Emily, Sarah, Missa, Gible, Dawn, Nata, Dana, Kelly, Megan, I'll always love you all! I will always remember and Ema's trip, fresh year mid-terms, Lynard Sknyard with Char-ten dollars, Consuela, Kelly Iamo, Crew, smoking out the fireplace, GRINGO with Bill and Bob. The fam, I love you!



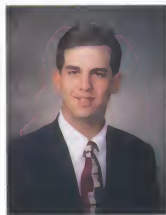
**Kelly Jane Schaller**  
*Kel Bel, Juana*

"Turns out not where you are but who you're with that really matters." Thanks Mom, Dad, Kev, Keith, I luv you. Remember; pantless wonder, Allman Bros, block party 96, Newport, Atlanta 97, Jr Prom, English trip, Unks, lost on Ragged, nutrients, monday tutoring, Dr ed-Jules 7 Leo with Spence? Dean, thanks for endless memories, 3/16/97, love, & making me smile. I'll miss, dances, the shelf, east beach, Dave's concerts & the guard. I'll never forget the hugs, laughs, talks & tears.

**Nichole Monique Scotti**  
*Cole, Nikki, Nic, Pebbles*

"A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of Nature." — Emerson

My memories are, music fests, the fam, band, phone talks, good times, Beans, the Jacks, Eeyore, mall trips, shrinks, secret service, visits, Road Kill, notes, and Portland. To my friends, Rich, Sarah, Kim, Beth, Nick, Carolyn, Tony, and everyone else, I luv you all. Mom, Dad, Sarah, Alyssa, my grandparents, and the rest of my family, I luv you to infinity, thanks a million for everything.



**Gregory Sebastian Senia**  
*Senia*

What goes around come around

Thanks Mom, Dad and John for all your support. I will remember: All the good times I had with Vito, Lugas and the rest of my friends, driving the Windup Car, 5:50am speeding ticket, the Rec B-Ball incident, Golf Team with Coach Kraut and all the good times we had with him after the golf matches, late nights and the eye in May 1996. Thanks to "Wolfe," Pasco and Recor. Thanks for the great memories. Good Luck in the Future.

**Ryan Serafin**  
*Practice, Fatty*

Who says your good and who doesn't and if you become relative to those opinions outside of yourself, then where's your opinion.

I didn't prepare a speech and I'm sorry but I'm glad I didn't because I'm not going to do this like everybody else. Sorry to everybody whom I should be thanking. So what I want to say is this world is fake and u shouldn't model your life after what other people think is cool or what other people are wearing or saying. Go with yourself. Get to practice 12



**Karen E. Severino**  
*Kare*

"Sometimes it is better to be hurt by the truth, than to live your life through lies"

My fondest memories are being with my friends. Aqua&Lien is the mall, gym, movies, River side, McDonald's. I remember Foodmart, Woolworth, being a chauffeur, my 1st Old smobile, new Mercury. I enjoy seeing Miss Saigon. I am glad was in Chorus& proud of winning gold in Phil. Thank Mom&Dad for your love & support. Everyone should cherish these moments because they will probably never happen again.

**Ryan E. Shepard**  
*Shep*

We chased our pleasure here, dug our treasures there. My memories are the basement, shack, ort, Theo, G-Dog, Victims, Junior Girls and the crew. I remember the field when nothings was going on. I will always remember the Westside and three wheel motion. Memories were cherished and forgotten. All my friends know how to keep it real. I will never forget all the girls, you know who you are. Thanks, Mom, Dad and the Fam.



**Carolyn Simons**  
*Julie, Caroline*

"Be true to yourself"  
I'll always remember these times: Atlanta, Wake Up, Rich at 2, Smelly Cups, Williamsburg, PRIDE, Band, Sousa-phone, Flute, 2 Flyin, Jazz, Alto Horn, Wind, French Horn, I Surrender, George Rules, Joe, Flip and Hold, Laurel, Kool-Aid, No Rolls, Free Fallin, What's Up, Doc, Habib, Musicals, Cast Parties, Ditches, Pez, Portland, & All. Thank to all my friends and especially Mr. Kelly, Mrs. Frost, Nancy, Mimi, Mom, & Dad.

**Kristina M. Sirois**

*Left Eye, Muneca, Fribble*  
Reach for your goals and don't let anything stop you from achieving them  
Thanks Mom, Dad and Jay for always being there, I love you. To all my people who kept it real: Sonya, Delbs, Crowe, Bar-on, Gallo, Chi-Chi, Vitelli, Zotter and anyone I left out. I'll never forget Jeremy my number one date Friendly's, Ryan bugging out about my attitude, you guys kept it fun. To my true Turtles: Maria, Brenda, Jumbo, Jimmy, Papo, Milton, Mash, Pookie. Finally, Maria I love you and thanks for always being there for me, I don't know where I'd be without you.



**Elizabeth Ann Slivka**  
*Ella*

Some people stay in our lives for a while, leave footprints in our hearts, and we are never ever the same.  
I remember: Tony, life, smiles, Lara, the best thing you've ever done « for me . . . the sal, gris-wold, slurpee paramedics, walden pond, atlanta 97 . . . want to bel, 5-24-97, Marie-bio, TreC, Amyo-friends always. I remember Anna-summer'96, Carriessie, scream, "BUBBA", Kathleen-jr-yr, Sarah-we are the only "normal" ones in this world, Diane-Mary Chapin Carpenter, long talks. What would I do without you? Jason-loving, being loved.

**Dan Spring**  
*Springer*

My memories are camping, Lamo, Salmon River, 4-wheeling, and White's left-side. Thanks Rich for the Crib, the Riv, the mixer, and a broken nose. Thanks to my brother Kyle for late nights in the Monte, the park at 3-30, Sandwich Bin, chef. Don't worry Blomberg. Thanks for the good times Red, Juana, Bec, and Meg. I remember the breadbox and 8 track, summer days, Meadows, Mr. Boston with the cure, mt. biking with the boys, Cracklin' Rose, and "rith." Thanks MomDad, and the fam.



**Rachel Ann Stankiewicz**  
*Rach*

I beat you Matt!  
Thank you to my family, Mrs. Doung, Mrs. King, Ms. Gogerty, & supporters in the "Sweetheart Contest." I enjoyed Challengers, Unified Sports, and the Swim Team. Remember NYC/Great Escapes trips. Good luck Karen, Daniella, and Jen. I want to be rich, famous and a model.

**Sonya J. Stover**

*Moose, Baby B, Sony*  
I'll remember summercorns, fantastic voyage, prom, stall and talks to four in the morning. I will remember eating at Friendly's, JR being my counselor. Greg we have a mystical luv for eternity and you keep the kids. We'll always have the porch and Shorty's party 4-19-97, Shorty and Ty '97 and eternity, Ziggy and Baby Boo and Shorty and Ty for life. 2 luv's, 2 getha, 4eva. Very sorry about your car. Thanks to my peeps, luv ya. Thanks to my family. Mom you are my guardian angel.



**Alfred Sturtevant**  
*Al, Big Owl, Bato Bop*

"We have a half pack of cigarettes, a full tank of gas, it's dark and we're wearing sunglasses — hit it."  
I thank my parents for dealing with me all these years and helping me when needed. I'll never forget: Mainel Tuesdays, the seventeenth, Salmon River, Paint Ball wars, 80 pounds trout, attacking moose, & yota. Great times 4 wheeling, Fourth of July, Monster Truck Rally, Night of Terror, lawn Jobs, Felipe, cruise night, ripping shots, Football, Track, Monday Night Raw.

*You have a  
great day off*

**Daniel Sullivan***Sully, Tank, Gas*

Good players get up for big games... great players get up all the games

Raga Concert with the grass and the mosh pit was awesome. Friday nights at Sully's house watching Ray was great, oh no they're home. Pavilion at Saga was a great party. East Catholic look out (state champs 98). The clique, I love all you guys. Christa all my love goes to you. Felix thanks for a great swell, Matunuck sweet, Amanda, Michale, and Kelly thanks for the fun. Megan you're awesome and hey you never know. Billy, Murph, Josh keep tight. Thanks to my family I love all of you, and wick.

**Karen Ann Swanson**

*Rajoh, Ralph, Kar*  
Friends may never stay, but memories will last forever.  
Mom, Traa, Shar, Bill, thank for everything, I love you all Steve, thank I love you. My memories are: parties, V.A. 95, Beth 18, band, spirit week, powderpuff, summer, and hanging with the girls, Gonz, Sharry, & Stace, thank for many years of friendship memories and good times. Tina, Shorty, Haalt, Sonya, thank for everything, I love you. Dad & Gramps you're in my memories Tina, April, Charal, family, and friends, I love you all!

**James Robert Charles Tarver**  
*J. Var*

"Obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off your goal."

Mom, Dad, Backy, and Tracy thank you. The original click will live on Fitz, Bratt, Dava, Pan, and Zig. Franchy, Knips, Jaff, and Just, keep on rollin'. Dan, Josh, and Chino ramambar the Avation. Dana, Tara I'll miss talks. Kelly, I won't forget the memories. Fitz, I'll need more advice, friends 4ever. Ramambar V-ball, Field, Fights, Garaga, Tino's, I'll never forget the good times. Toby, we missed you. Todd and the rest more good times.

**Tony Triglia**  
*Trig*

Hey  
Me memories are Rage, turf fight, Sully in the lawn. Remember, parties at the cabin Almonds, to bad for Murph & Todd, Bill Simsbury ace, YAH! Sully, Moonstone Beach Road in RI (Mutunack parking lot), Kock, mad trips to Napa, thanks to Todd's driving skills & Bella nights--they're home. Nights with Todd at the way. The night at the beach with Cino, Murph, Todd, & Kock. Dan that's a stop sign. I'm driving Amanda, remember good times & my mailbox. Moose, told ya you in here. Mom, Dad, and Michelle, I love you.

**Laurel Meredith Unwin**

"There is no harmony when everyone sings the same note."

I remember theory 96, chorus, Mads 95-98, diving, swimming, Phillie (the bus ride!), Walden, concerts, Regionals, Honors Choir, musicals, closing nights, & Junior Prom. Amanda remember staying till 7 & being best buds. Ree remember jello bandits! Talent night and Dudley Lisa! Mr. Kel thanks for long talks, listening & advice. I'll miss you. Mrs. Frost thanks for dinner & talks. Mom & Dad I love you.

**Christina Annette Vallera**

"Life is what we make of it"  
Nonna, anthony, dad, mom, thanks for your encouragement and love. Theresa you're always there. Pete, you always make me laugh; you have my heart 9/27. I will never forget: sophomore - best year, Xcountry miles, track, Bella, explorer/dodge, camping 96, cookie, yellow, terris wheel, Grease, mintchip, Billy Madison-movies, proms, peddle, Fabio, biology, longnights, ruptured spleen, 4 month vacation. Julie moves in, one of a Connie. Erin u r great. Always smile, laugh, and enjoy life!

**Theresa Catherine Vallera***Reasa, Zoots*

"What the heart has once known, it shall never forget."

All my girls, thank 4 everything. U all mean a lot to me. Unity get what u give yourself, so give yourself the best. Christina, a great sister, friend & mom I love u, thankx. Julius, my best friend 4ever in my heart. I give u love. Con don't ever forget you're a friend 4ever. Sing Mr. Ed. I ramambar the laugh, tears, late nights, camping 96, football, snowmobiles, cvs, Hilton Haad, parties, driving, Jr. prom-thank Nick, Jules moves in, towns, Miguel, Alex, and friends. I pray and give love.

**Kristian Vandrella**

"The mind is like a perschute, it works best when it is open."  
My memories are, Junior Summer at the Sandwich Bin. I will always remember Joanne, Bacca, Meg, and Alyssa: our girls. One day you will all get a chance to wreck my car. Where's the ice? ramambar the times we had at Riverside and the Hotel. Thanks to Mr. B for getting me through all those days. Dan "rith" his braadbox. Watch out for Uncia Butch's Spooly Kyia quit spreading Ryan, that is \$641 you owe me. Blomberg, quit lighting mopeds on fire. Thanks to Rich's parents. Thanks to Mom, Dad, the family, and everyone for making these great years.



**Melissa Ann Vasil**  
*Mel, MAV*

"For it is better to have loved and lost, then to never have loved before."  
Mom, Dad, Ken & family — thanks for everything. I'll love you forever. I'll never forget: Homecoming '96, Jr. Prom, Mr. Dake's class, Jr. Eng. trip, Joey's walk, lawnmower, K-Mart spree, \$12 Whalers games — starved w/o a famous Amos, track, top 10 list. Janelle, Katie, Jules, Punk, Kitty, Linds, Steph, Lisa, Lex, Nanc, Danny — thanks for all the good times. I'll never forget you guys!



**Tracey Donovan Wells**  
*Tré*

If you could escape awakening you'd ripen like a pear all by itself.  
I walk forward — looking around, instead of focusing on predictable block tiles. Rather than believing I've been alive these days, I realize I've got so much more living. I'm not your ideal model — that's why I love this show. I learn from the best, the lessons of my mind. I'm going to walk from these tiles, and thank them — because they are the only straight path I've come to, and for leading me away.



**Chad Wiersema**  
*"CHAZ"*

"If there was any doubts as to where I was, they are immediately dispelled when the wiry young man with the crazed glaze came up to me with a plateful of bright red fruit asked if I'd like an electric strawberry."  
I remember the times hiking and camping on Lamo. Mountain biking on Lamo and Ragged with the crew was awesome. Biking with Goobs, Brags, Katie, Moon, and Ebs was an experience. The best memories are friends and family.



**Sarah Elizabeth Wysocki**  
"Cherish Yesterday, Live Today, Dream Tomorrow"  
My memories are: Keith- 2-12-95 love ya, Carrier 12-14-96, 12-31-96, Kustom Kulture, Florida, Brendan's Garage, Timberlin, Sue- Best friends, Wawa, Hoop Games, RU Hungry, Morty, Nights at Marvins, Rachs 17th, Boones, John, a Friend for life-thank for the memories, 9-21-96, Pavilion/Sage, Spirit Dances, Cottage 95 Old Lyme, Homecoming, Proms, Garth, Fleetwood, Planetarium, Tanning with the Girls. Mom & Dad love and thanks.



**Margaret Elizabeth Wach**  
*Margo*

"Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder"  
Favorite Berlin High School memories are lunch in the cafe, the Great Escape, New York City theater trips, walking, and challenger baseball. Thanks to Mom and Tata and Mrs. Pera.



**Dean Michael Wicke**  
*Deanie, Wick, D3AN*

"Only the good die young."  
I remember West Hill & Ocean City with Nick, Stowe, 11th hole, off roadin' with Kel, wave runner tears, wrestling, Jambo' '97 & suRprise! I light ... no clothes. Lost? I know the way! Nothing to do, how's a movie? Where's the carrot? Thank you Mom, Dad, Chris, Gram, Jaquitha, Linz, Specs, Pookie, Crash Juana & my partners in crime: West, Dan, & Scott. Kelly, you have a special place in my heart. I love you all. Peace Chickies and Toadies, I'm out of here.



**Elizabeth B. Wnuk**  
*Ela, Eika, WEB*

"You don't know love until you've experienced and lost it. I'll remember PACOS, Bazaar, Polanka, beach, parks, BHS play, calls, Sylvia's & Lala's house, Upbeat picnic, basketball game, Dunkin Donuts, Teddy Bear, wedding, green notebook, parties — 11/96, 12/96, 5/97, dreams, 4th grade, Snowball, football games, the seed, & PJ Naps in Sunshine's Lyte. I send peace to LaLa, Jesse, Spin, Amy, & Justyna. I love you Mom, Dad, Babbia Lucy, & family. Woja-I will always love and miss you.



**Erin Marie Young**

*Younger, Gunner, Chicken*  
"The better part of one's life consists of his friendships"  
I remember: Jr. Prom Queen, Sr. Ball, UpBeat, Volleyball, Softball: The Class of 97- Thanks for the time of my life; '98 pals-Here's to the memories; Kathleen-Thanks for the laughs and tears; Brian- 5/10/97-"I will love you my whole life, you and no other," unforgettable memories, companionship; Mom, Dad and Matthew-Your love, support and influence has brought me to new heights. Thank you and I'll always love you.



**Lisa Marie Zaccagnino**  
Zacks, Nina

"In 3 words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."

Mom, Dad, Katie: thanks for your unconditional love and support. I'll never forget all the ups, downs, laughs, tears with the girls: Cape, FLA.-tans, Virginia, Atlanta, videos, Steve Miller Girls, meadows, powder puff, Picards, Civs-the fall, "Whatever..." cages, "Dake, dances, games, rally, Sage, track, ski trips, all the firsts, April Fools (luv always-24 yrs), Walden, lawnmower, & the one left behind.



**John Paul Zanetti**

"There are no gains without pain"

My favorite memories are Saturday night basketball and working at Food Mart. Thanks to all my teachers, my family, and the Berlin High School custodial staff. You've helped me out a lot. I'm looking forward to work and hope to travel.

**Kimberly Lynn Zenobi**  
Kimmy

"Learn to let your individuality step ahead of everything else"

My memories are: Steve, Love, Happiness, Forever, 11/30/94, Florida '96-'9, homecomings, prom, Redlady, smiles, missing you, jet skiing, hiking, Burgundy, flannel, spirit, 360's, hot water, 823. My mums with Jenn, Katie, Amanda, Kelly, Steph are, Cav, Jr. Prom, pound, teeth, best family friend, moped, sliding door, everyday, senior girls, Joey's walker. Missy, Rachel, Carrie, thanx for bizzare mums. Thanx Nappi's. To my family, I will always love you.



The following students are also members of the Class of 1998:

Justin Amenta  
Heather Dumond  
William Freeman  
David Haught  
Mike Karbownick  
Shawn Laviana  
Damien Little  
Tom Pasquale  
Lien Pham  
Andrew Simone  
Jeremy Vitelli







Christopher Parks, Kelly Schaller, Eric Murphy, Stephanie Odell, and Kelly Matson

# CLASS

## *Innoventors*

## *Planners*

As The president of the Class of 1998 for the past four years, I find it hard to believe that this is our last year in the halls of Berlin High School. No matter what happens we will all share something special, memories. I can only hope that these memories are plentiful and that each one of us has lived these past four years to the fullest. Life is what you make of it. I hope that high school has brought everyone at least one feeling in life the feeling of self-satisfaction for that is the greatest feeling in the world.

Eric Murphy

President — Class of 1998

It's hard to believe that our lives at Berlin High are over. Who could imagine four years going by so quickly? These past four years have been incredibly memorable and I can only hope that everyone shares the same feeling. Every one of us has contributed to make the Class of 1998 the best class to have ever walked these halls.

Kelly Matson

Vice President — Class of 1998

In four years here, I have never encountered a class living as freely as us. We care not of what anyone thinks of us, and most importantly we make our own choices. Since we make our own decisions, we are all unique. I wish you all the best in maintaining your individuality.

Christopher Parks

Vice President — Class of 1998

All of you have a special talent or ability that you have been able to share with our class, whether it be your artistic ability at the Senior breakfast or your persuasive talents with our many fair endeavors. I hope that you will be able to take these talents and the many things you have learned here at Berlin High with you wherever your future may lead you.

Kelly J. Schaller

Secretary — Class of 1998

Watching ourselves grow from tiny freshmen with squeaky little voices into the fine young men and women that we are now has been a great experience for me. We were able to break the barriers that existed between us and become a unified class.

I want to remind the Class of 1998 to always strive for the best. We can overcome anything if we put our minds and hearts into it.

Stephanie Odell

Treasurer — Class of 1998

# OFFICERS

## *Leaders*



# A D V I S O R S

*Advice*

*Support*

*Loyalty*



Congratulations to the members of the  
Class of 1998!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those class members who gave their time so unselfishly for four years. Remember all the fund raisers: the cookie, grinder, hotdog/hamburger booths at the Berlin Fair; the magazine drive; the candy sales; the golf tournament; the auto show; and the soccer and football games. Although you had to work hard, I hope you had the fun I had working along with you.

Your Class Officers deserve special recognition. They helped to make the tasks easier. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to know and work with them.

One cannot forget your parents who were so generous with their time in helping you raise funds. No matter the size of the project, they rallied and provided the support that was needed. Many thanks.

I wish success and happiness to you all, and I hope that you will continue to give of yourselves as you did these past four years.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Scanlan White

Dear Class of 1998,

As you are looking through this yearbook, thinking of your years at BHS, thoughts of selling grinders at the Berlin Fair, hamburgers at the Car Show, and Skittles at Sage Park probably won't be at the forefront of your trip down memory lane. However, the hard work and commitment of many of you have made memories such as the Senior Ball, class outing, Junior Prom, and graduation possible. Special thanks to those who faithfully supported your class. I hope you will continue to volunteer in the communities you join after BHS.

Your class should also be proud of beginning the Donald Bates Memorial Golf Tournament, which will hopefully continue for years to come. Thank you to parents, class officers, and especially Mrs. Scanlan White for your work on this and other events.

Congratulations on your individual and group accomplishments. I wish you nothing but the best.

Take care,

Matt Dunbar



# THANK YOU

## *From the Class of 1998*



Mr. Dunbar and Mrs. Scanlan-White work at the Berlin Fair with volunteers Stephanie Sacharko and Amy Osiecki.

**Mrs. Scanlan-White and Mr. Dunbar** have been an integral part of our lives here at BHS. Always willing to devote themselves, the two have worked endless hours to make sure our class activities were as successful as possible. From teaching students how to make grinders at the fair booth, to organizing the Class of 98 car show, Mrs. Scanlan-White and Mr. Dunbar have greatly contributed to our class's projects. The two have even gone so far as to give up a part of their summer vacation to work on our class's golf tournament. Class secretary Kelly Schaller said that it was during this time that she really felt connected with our advisors. "I could tell by how hard they were working that they truly cared about our class's future and that they wanted our senior year to be as perfect as possible. Their loyalty was obvious."

Senior year was probably the busiest time for our advisors for they were constantly working in an effort to raise as many funds as possible. Their drive and determination were obvious to all who spent time with them, and these qualities are greatly appreciated by every member of the class. The Class of 98 would like to extend their most sincere thanks to Mrs. Scanlan-White and Mr. Dunbar for their tireless work, support and guidance during one of the most important times of our lives.

# SENIOR



**Done Most for Class**  
Eric Murphy and Kelly Schaller



**Most Creative**  
Athina Panagopoulos and Steven Labella



**Most Well-Rounded**  
Erin Young and Christopher Parks



**Most Theatrical**  
Sean Fiske and Kathleen Capen

# NOTABLES



**Most Musical**

Michael McKinniss and Lisa Conlon



**Most Likely to Succeed**

Michael Payette and Monica Kaczor



**Class Clowns**

Ryan Shepard and Stephanie Odell



**Best Personality**

James Daigle and Lisa Dauphin



**Nicest Smile**

John Pentore and Caitlin Reilly



**Most School Spirit**

Jennifer Kohl and Joseph Forsyth



**Class Flirts**

Ryan Cimino and Meghan Hannifan



**Class Individuals**

Erich Bennar and Tracy Wells





**Most Outgoing**

Lisa Zaccagnino and Dean Wicke



**Most Style**

Christian French and Amanda Bouchard



**Most Athletic**

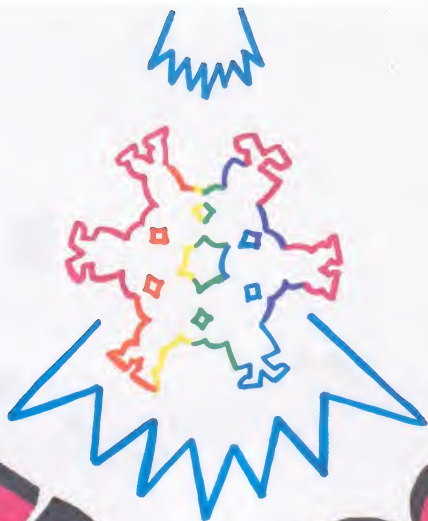
Kenneth Bratina and Nancy DeBlasio



**Best Looking**

Todd May and Sarah Wysocki

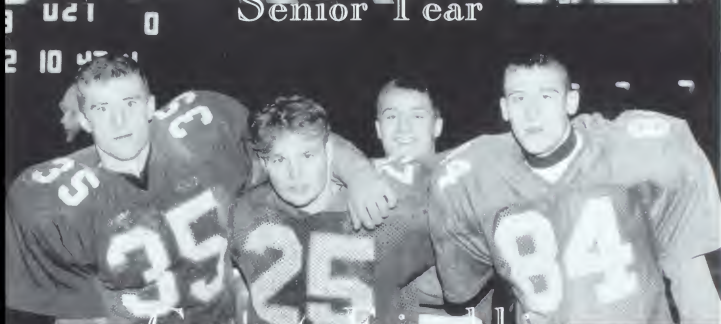




**FIENDS**



## Senior Year



## Cemented Friendships





**From top to bottom:** Eric Murphy, Tony Trigila, Ryan Cimino, Josh Benson, Dan Sullivan, Todd May, and Aaron Kuehn.

Daniela Gozzo, Iwona Sabino, Jennifer Binder, Sherry Cox-Campbell, Heather Lizotte, Karen Swanson, and Tina Charbonneau.

Stephanie Sacharko, Athina Panagopoulos, Carolyn Simons, Jen Bates, Kelly Ann Baron, Robin O'Brien, Michelle Crowe, and Jen DelBiondo.

**How did you meet your current friends?**

"Krissie Peterson's brother rode my bike down a hill on my street. He then fell off, smashed his face, lost all of his teeth, and since then Krissie and I have been friends." — Kathleen Capen

"I met my current friends at school. School wouldn't be the same or as fun without them." — Heather M. Lizotte



**From top to bottom:** Kristie Peterson, Kathleen Capen, Monica Kaczor, Erin Young, Laura Ebner, Mike Payette, and Mike McKinniss.

Megan Hannifan, Michelle Calafiore, Jen Borysewicz, Dana Balducci, Kelly Matson, Kim Zenobi, Amanda Bouchard, Jenn Blair, Stephanie Charamut, and Nancy DeBlasio.

Sean Fiske, Lisa Conlon, Amanda Mitchell, and Laurel Unwin.

"I met most of my friends in elementary school. Friendship is a funny thing; it changes and grows with you, yet it is the mainstay in your life." — Kristina Peterson

"I met most of my friends through baseball, school, and activities after school." — Josh Benson

**From top to bottom:** Sue Cabelus, Sarah Wysocki, Missy Gionfriddo, Leah Fongemie, and Kristy Olson.

William Freeman, Mike Ciamella, Cathy Grady, and Beth Glabau.

Dawn Newell, Alyson Milardo, Melissa Feranski, Emily Olson, Charlene Fecteau, Sarah Kuszek, Liza Manafort, Kristen Gilbert, Dana Schaller, and Lisa Dauphin.

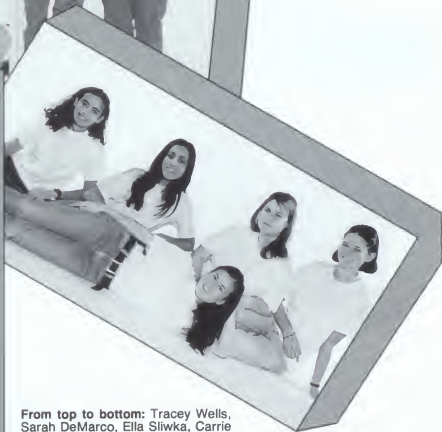


**What activities do you do with your friends?**

"We love to eat big beef cheeseburgers and mint chocolate chip coneheads on the way home from the beach. We frolic in the snow on late openings before hopping in Punk's Crua through the hatchback and making our morning trek to school." — Steph Odell

"Usually we play sports, go fishing, or just hang out and play video games." — Ryan Cimino





From top to bottom: Tracey Wells, Sarah DeMarco, Ella Sliwka, Carrie Carlson, Amy Osiecki, Lara Byers, and Marie DeSanto.

Ghadeer Alami, Jesse Kavumpurath, Amy Kalentkowski, Ela Wnuk, and Daniela Pasi.

Ken Bratina, Adam Bryers, TJ Bosco, and Marc Zotter.

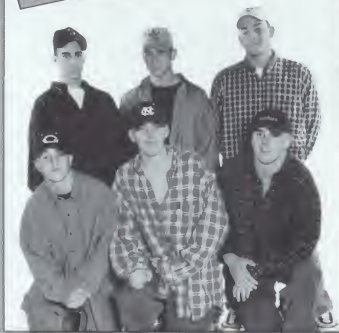
"A quality hangout among my friends is the Griswold playscape." — Marie DeSanto

"We go to the mall, to the New Britain bazaars, to parks, to each other's houses, and to beaches. We talk on the telephone and have parties and bonfires, but most importantly, we share our secrets and dreams." — Jesse Marie Kavumpurath





From top to bottom: Connie Marturano, Anna Mucha, Kim Jeske, Katie Mahoney, Julie Nardine, and Theresa Vallera. Kyle Brown, Ben Murphy, Al Sturtevant, Dan Spring, Kristian Vandrilla, Joe Forsyth, Joe Roberge, Rich Kusy, Marc Piatek, and Mike Kaseta. David Pethigal, Chris Kanaple, Brett Margentino, John Pentore, Brian Fitzgerald, and James Tarver.



**How will you continue your friendships in the future?**

"Although graduation will be sad, I know that we'll be friends forever." — Kelly Schaller  
 "I will find out where everyone lives and go out with the friends that have stayed close." — Adam Bryers  
 "I will call my friends on the phone and the computer also." — Rachel Stankiewicz

**From top to bottom:** Kelly Schaller, Sara Jaquith, Lindsey Marut, Dean Wicke, Nick Greco, Deena Miller, Scott Novak, and Chris Hill.

Steph Odell, Julie Neilan, Caitlin Reilly, Melissa Vasil, Lindsay Picard, Katie Baldwin, Lisa Zaccagnino, Jenn Kohl, Janelle Colburn, and Amy Punkunus.

Margaret Wach, Joe Forsyth, and Rachel Stankiewicz.



"We'll write each other letters, call each other frequently, and come home to visit during vacation. Also, we'll be able to see each other during the summer in the summer musical." — Laurel Unwin

"I hope to keep contact while we are in college." — John Pentore

# The student life here at **BERLIN HIGH**

encompasses a variety of activities. Of course there **IS** the obvious academic aspect at Berlin High that all students take

part in, but in addition to this, the school is **FULL** of many extra-curricular activities. Such clubs as UpBeat, Red Cross, Ophelia and Service League help to make up the service

oriented part **OF** student life. Other clubs like the *Berlin Byline*, Literary Magazine and Yearbook give students a

chance to work hard at **THINGS** they take a particular interest in. There are also performing groups such as the Chorus, Madrigals, Band, Drill Team and Color Guard. These

clubs give students a chance **TO** fulfill their desire to entertain, as well as give others a change to enjoy the more artistic points of life. Organizations such as the Science Club, Business Club and Student Council provide yet more ways for students to become involved. In addition to these clubs, there are also various sports programs and school activities like Homecoming in which to participate. No matter what type of activity a person is interested in, there is always something to

**DO** here at Berlin High School.



# FIT INFLUENTS

Katie Mahoney and Jessie Matta prepare for the motorcade during spirit week.

# week *pep rally* dance

## SPIRIT IN THE AIR *Spirit Week 1997*

The spirit came alive in the halls of Berlin High once again as students celebrated the start of a new fall season. Organized by the cheerleaders, the annual spirit week is a time for students to show their school pride by participating in many wacky activities. To start off the fulfilled week, students wore the most outlandish hats they could find. Tuesday was color day where seniors wore red, juniors wore blue, sophomores wore green and freshmen wore yellow. Wednesday brought about twin day, and there were many doubles seen walking through the halls. An especially interesting day was Thursday, for it was clash day and there were many odd sights to behold. Finally, Friday was team day where members of fall sports teams dressed in their uniforms.

Of course, spirit week could not be complete without its annual pep rally, which was held Thursday evening in the gym. Students decorated both themselves and their cars for the event, even though the motorcade which usually takes place before the rally was cancelled due to rain. Still, this did not deter anyone from having a great time. Students were just as wound up as usual, if not more so, as the swimming, volleyball, soccer, cross-country and football team were introduced. In addition to this, there were performances by the Redcoat Marching Band and cheerleaders, as well as other events such as the mummy wrap and musical chairs.

To end the week on a high note, the cheerleaders sponsored the annual spirit dance which was held on September 13, 1997. Many came to boogie the night away, all the while showing their Redcoat pride.

Spirit week was definitely a success, for it helped to unify the classes with a common pride for their school. As senior cheerleader Jen Kohl said, "Spirit week gives everyone a chance to show their school spirit, no matter what grade you belong to, or what group you hang out with. It's a time for everyone to display their pride."



**Clockwise from top:** Julie Neilan and T. J. Bosco enjoy the night as they finish with a slow dance. During Spirit Week, Jen Blair and Kim Zenobi dress up as twins. Nancy DeBlasio excites the crowd as her name is called for the 1997 Volleyball team.



**Clockwise from top:** Ken Bratina scares the crowd as his teammates hold him up in the air. Adam Bryers takes the lead carrying the football to the end of the gym in a rally contest. Amy Osiecki and Marie DeSanto show their spirit as they participate in the band. T. J. Bosco, Sara Wysocki, Dan Sullivan, Melissa Gionfriddo, Michelle Calafiore, Jen Kaseta, Kelly Matson and Ryan Cimino take a quick break from dancing.



# Homecoming

## Rain, Rain Go Away!

The students waited with bated breath on the morning of November 8, 1997. Outside the sky was a smoky gray and was almost fully saturated. At 9:30 A.M. the decision was made. A huge sigh of relief was breathed by all when it was announced that the game would be played. There was one disappointment however, that being that the homecoming field festivities were to be canceled.

Still, the impending rain did not prevent either the Chorus from singing a lovely rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner," or the Redcoat Marching Band from playing in the stands.

The heavens opened up shortly after kickoff, though the fans continued to support their team. The stands were adorned with ponchos and umbrellas of all kinds, and the players were soaked to the bone. Nevertheless, Berlin played hard Plainville, and outcome was

students with anticipation. Homecoming began. Students entered on the Saturday night, they were as to find that its atmosphere charged into wonderland themes, the evening Student The couples night away, the decorations and the



of friends. When ten o'clock finally arrived, students watched as freshman attendant Lindsey Dorio, sophomore attendant Lindsey Pulito, junior attendant Alyssa Simeone, senior attendant Kelly Matson, and the 1997 Homecoming Queen Dana Balducci made their appearances. After the traditional red roses were handed out, Dana Balducci was crowned queen by last year's queen, Dorothy Puzio and the theme "Unchained Melody" was played. As the rain continued to pour down, the homecoming dance finally came to an end. The students left tired but happy, thus proving that no matter how much it rained, the day could not be spoiled.

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Clockwise: Brian Fitzgerald escorts senior attendant Kelly Matson, Stephanie Sacharko and Christina Vallera share one last moment at their senior homecoming dance; James Tarver and queen Dana Balducci make their grand entrance



**Clockwise:** Dorothy Puzio passes her crown to the new Homecoming Queen Dana Balducci; Chris Parks and Katie Barczak dance the night away at the Homecoming dance; Dawn Newell, Dana Schaller, and Kara Dutkiewicz get enthusiastic over their favorite song; The Homecoming queen and her court are presented to their peers; Amy Punkunus, Caitlin Reilly, and Jen Borysewicz take a minute to regroup before the next song.



Clockwise from top right: from left to right: Eric Roberts, Pat Mahoney, and Adam Grabowski endure the rain with pride to support the Redcoats on the football field. The 1997-98 Berlin High School Redcoat Marching Band. The 1997-98 Band Section Leaders. Drum Major Michael Payette, Drill Sergeant Michael McKinniss, and Drum Major Carolyn Simons braves the cold of a snowy football game to conduct the band in the stands. Director Mr. Kelly assumes his usual position on the stands to watch over the band at a football game. Michael Payette instructs the band to bring their instruments up in preparation for the half-time show performance.





## “Redcoats with Ponchos and Pride”

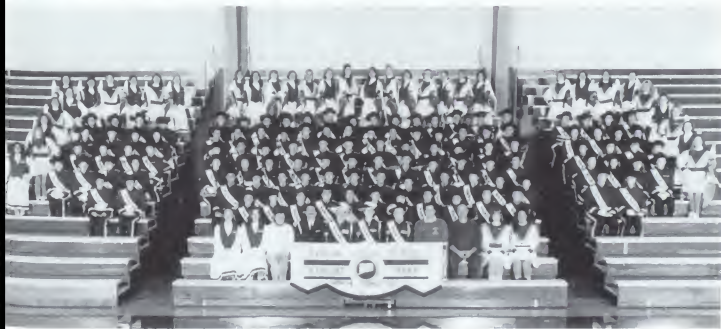
The Redcoat Marching Band began its year enthusiastically, welcoming its freshmen to a band camp with a few new perks. Warming up with a couple rounds of “Hello My Name Is Joe” and shoulder massages led by Drum Majors Mike Payette and Carolyn Simons and Drill Sergeant Mike McKinniss, the band worked hard each day in the heat to prepare its half-time show performance, “A Classical Tribute.”

Soon into the football season, Wednesday night rehearsals turned their focus to the preparation of three numbers for a band competition at Southington High School, this being the first marching band competition for the Redcoat Band in ten years. The experience of the competition gave the band a taste of the talent and showmanship of other bands around the state, and the competition was truly an exciting event.

The football season proved to be a rainy one, especially concerning the deluge at the Homecoming game. Despite the rain (and snow), the band, typically covered head to toe in plastic, showed its support for the football team by playing in the stands during all of the games.

Along with entertaining the crowd at football games, the Redcoat Marching Band also transformed into the Concert Band, playing in the annual Christmas Concert and Spring Concert. At the Christmas Concert, an award was presented to Mr. Richard Peronace Jr. for his enthusiasm and dedication in working with the band, and the award will continue to be given to a band member who exhibits the qualities of Mr. Peronace each year.

Other select groups within the band are the Jazz Ensemble and the Wind Ensemble, who both performed in the concert as well. The Wind Ensemble, directed by Mr. Paul Karam, challenged itself by working on difficult pieces throughout the year while the Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Robert Kelly showed its support with groove at all of the home games for Men and Women's Basketball.





*"Drill Team was a blast! Remember Elliott! I'll miss you all!"*

— Amanda Bouchard



*"Colour Guard was like a family. We had a great time over the past three years. I'll never forget it!"*

— Krissie Peterson



*"It was fun dancing in the stands at football games with Steph!"*

— Julie Neilan







*Clockwise: Melissa Delorm, Jen DelBiondo, Maggie Pastuszak and Jen Bates have a good time as they struggle to keep warm and dry at an away football game.*

*Kelly Matson and Katie Zaccagnino perform the ending move of "Festive Overture" at the Berlin Fair.*

*The 1997-1998 Colour Guard*

*1997-1998 Captains of Colour Guard and Drill Team, Lindsey Marut, Monica Kaczor, Kelly Matson and Kelly Schaller.*

*The 1997-1998 Drill Team*



## Colour Guard and Drill Team Working Together

The Colour Guard and Drill Team worked together this year as one large squad of forty-two girls. With the Colour Guard sharing its flag skills and the Drill Team their dance skills, the squad worked hard during band camp and Tuesday and Wednesday night rehearsals to prepare the half-time show routines with the band. The Drill Team performed their kick feature this year to the selection "Dance to the Music." The routines were complicated, containing moves that were new to the squad, but the large group pulled together and performed well at football games and especially at the marching band competition at Southington High School.

Led by advisors Mr. Rex Smith and Mrs. Gloria Frost, Colour Guard Co-captains Monica Kaczor and Kelly Schaller, and Drill Team Co-captains Lindsey Marut and Kelly Matson, the group not only performed during the football season, but showed their talent at basketball games and the Memorial Day Parade as well. Also in positions of leadership this year were, for Colour Guard, Erin Beaudoin as Junior Captain, and Laura Ebner as Secretary, and for Drill Team, Leah Hinchliffe and Maggie Pastusak as Junior Captains, and Lindsey Picard as Secretary. With new flags this year, the Equipment Managers Jen Bates and Julie Neilan for the Colour Guard, and Jen Borysewicz and Amanda Bouchard for Drill Team, worked hard in coordinating the care and transportation of the equipment for all performances and practices. Overall, the year was a success and it proved to make many memories for the entire squad.



Hey Redcoats . . .

# GET FIRED UP!

This year, the Berlin High School cheerleaders have been very busy. The varsity squad, which numbers at eighteen, practices twice a week and cheer at Friday and Saturday basketball and football games. Last year, the cheerleaders came in fourth place in a statewide competition. The team has been very dedicated, working hard with the hope of earning the first place position at the state competition this year. The competition has become very demanding for the cheerleaders, but they are still busy perfecting their mounting as well as gymnastic skills.

Along with all of these activities, they also attended four days of cheerleading camp at Southern Connecticut State University. Each day at camp, the squad learned many new cheers and techniques. The days were long and tiring, but it proved to enhance a strong bond between the girls. On the last day of camp, they even received first place for a sideline cheer that they performed.

Senior cheerleader Katie Baldwin sums up the overall relationship between the group by saying, "Cheerleading helped me to develop friendships with people I hadn't known before and normally wouldn't have hung out with. By being a part of the squad, I have become closer to my fellow cheerleaders, and this has helped our squad so much. We have complete trust and confidence in each other."





Clockwise from top: Seniors Stephanie Charmut and Jen Blair show the other team whose squad is the best. At a cold game the squad gives a wave to the camera. The 1997-98 Captains — Katie Baldwin, Jenn Kohl, Stephanie Charmut, Jen Blair and Kim Zenobi. The 1997-98 Cheerleaders pose for a picture. Hold still!!! Andrea Caravaca shows her Redcoat pride with a cheer. Kim Zenobi cheers for the team, but never takes her eyes off the game. Junior Desiree Duong cheers her hardest for the Redcoat Football Team.

# Sharing a Song, Savoring a Moment

## *Chorus and Madrigals*

Throughout the past few years, the BHS Chorus has made quite a name for itself. Under the direction of Mr. Robert A. Kelly, this group has captured First Place Gold Award's at both their 1994 and 1996 competitions. The seniors of the group hope once again to score Gold so that they may be privileged to say they were part of a Gold-winning chorus all four years!

Besides competitions, the Chorus also performs for many different occasions, including the Homecoming Football Game, the Holiday and Spring Pops Concerts, the Memorial Day Parade and many other functions. This year, the Advanced Vocal Class has been asked to perform at the CMEA All-State Music Festival, where students and teachers from around the state will hear them sing. This is a very prestigious honor, and the group was very excited to be chosen.

As for this year's competition, the Chorus has decided to embark on a twelve hour bus ride to Toronto, Canada. There, the Chorus will have the chance to perform for adjudicators, as well as see the performances of their competitors. Both the Chorus and Madrigals will perform, with the addition of a new group known as the Jazz Choir. This group was formed specifically for the festival, although it may also perform for the Spring Concert. In any event, there is no doubt that these three groups will be a success in Toronto.

The Madrigals will also be competing in Canada. This elite group is also under the superb direction of Mr. Kelly. The Madrigals perform year round, but are busiest during the holiday season. Between the months of November and January, the group is asked to perform for many different organizations. Many songs are performed including, "Lirum, Lirum," "All Ye Who Music," "Cantate Domino," "Conventry Carol" and "The Silver Swan." In addition to this, the Madrigals put on a Feast at the Hartford Marriott, in Rocky Hill. The Feast gives the members a time to show off their talents as both actors and singers, and also lets audience members sample dishes of the time period. As usual, the Madrigals are beautifully attired with costumes handmade by "Ma" Kelly and Mrs. Gloria Frost. The group is a closeknit family, whose relationship can best be described in the song sung at the close of each rehearsal. "We gather here together with joyful heart and mind. We raise our voices ever, our distant souls to bind. To remember in this moment of friendship, love and joy, that music made together may one day heal mankind."





**Clockwise:** Lisa Conlon sings the solo "Much More" at the Spring Concert. The Madrigals men sing at the Westfarms Mall. The Madrigals Chorus sing their hearts out to the crowd. Advanced Vocal sing at the Meriden Mall. Chorus performs the National Anthem at the 1997 Homecoming Game. The 1997 Madrigal Chorus. The 1997 BHS Chorus: Casey Schreiner, treasurer; Kathleen Capen, president; Robert Kelly, director, Lisa Conlon, vice-president, Sean Fiske, secretary.



# Anything Goes With Success

## *Drama Club*

As the curtain closed for the last time, an enormous cheer could be heard not only from the audience, but from the cast as well. The show had been a complete success, from the time the pit band began its overture, to the time the final bow was taken. It had been a long, exciting trip, but the boat ride had finally come to an end.

The musical's plot is a complex one, dealing with many groups of characters. These plots revolved around the characters Sir Evelyn Oakley, played by Dan Stowell; Hope Harcourt, played by Kathleen Capen; Reno Sweeney, played by Diane Warnke; Billy Crocker, played by Nick Cavaliere; Elijah J. Whitney, played by Steve Hodolitz; Bonnie, played by Kelly-Francis; Mrs. Harcourt, played by Melissa Collis; and Moonface Martin, played by Nate Alexander. A small, but incredibly enthusiastic supporting cast acted as passengers on the boat; they definitely added to the success of the show. The cast's voices harmonized together in such numbers as, "Heaven Hop," "Public Enemy #1," "It's Delovely," "Blow, Gabriel Blow" and of course "Anything Goes." Cast member and senior, Laurel Unwin explains, "There is just no feeling comparable to that of being on stage performing. It's an indescribable high."

As always, the play would not have been possible without the direction of Mr. Robert Kelly, the costuming of stage mothers, Anne "Ma" Kelly and Mrs. Gloria Frost, and the production assistance of Patty and Chris Cote. The hardworking, determined people spent endless hours putting together the show, so that it would be a hit. The Drama Club presented another wonderful musical, "Flower Drum Song" in 1998.





**Clockwise this page:** Dan Stowell puckers up for the awaiting Kathleen Capen.

Laurel Unwin, Diane Warnke and Kris Peterson sing their hearts out in the musical *Anything Goes*.

Nate Alexander, Jimmy Francalangia, Dan Stowell and Andre Query make a quick costume change.

Amanda Mitchell, Melissa Spence, Jimmy Francalangia and Kelly Lyons perform their scene.

**Clockwise opposite page:** Maggie Pastuszak, Katie Barczak and Sarah Potanka dance to the "Heaven Hop!" Sean Fiske gets ready for his performance.

Casey Schreiner and Andre Query take their bows as Ching and Ling.



**Cathy Grady** (right) has been horseback riding for thirteen years. She not only rides horses, but she also ropes and reigns. Every year she competes in the Trial Class at the Berlin Fair.

**Chris Parks** (bottom right) has been playing defense the Middlesex County Red Devils for eight years. Playing against the Adirondack Red Wings, he gets to the puck before any other player knows where it went.

**John Zanetti** (bottom center) has been working at Food Mart since June of 1996. John, as any other senior, finds a job is a necessity.

**Kelly Matson** (bottom Left) started competing in horse shows at the age of four. She placed sixth in the Youth World Championship Horse Show in Ft. Worth, Texas and first at the biggest horse show in the world in Columbus, Ohio.

**Jesse Kavumpurath** (below) volunteers and supports her church. She teaches elementary students in religious education every weekend.



# WHAT DO WE DO? *It is after 2:00*

Looking deep within the Spectrum there is a wide variety of activities. After 2:00 students do more than just homework, watch television, and hang out with friends; there is a range of activities from riding dirt bikes to going to work. All of these activities — volunteering, playing recreational sports, and horseback riding — take a tremendous amount of talent and effort. This also takes much responsibility to organize the time and to balance academics and extracurricular activities. These two aspects combine to make for an especially busy day.



**Laura Ebner** (above left) flew for two weeks to Columbia with her family for missionary work. One of her jobs included building an addition to the church.

**Caitlin Reilly** (above right) has been modeling for about three years. She is used to the glitz and glamour as she walks down the runway in a bridal show.

**Michael Ciammella** (left) devotes his time to riding dirt bikes and snowmobiles. He is an expert in the field; he does more than just ride.



## The Cream of the Crop National Honor Society

On February 6, 1998, fifty members of the Class of 1999 and six members of the Class of 1998 were officially inducted into Berlin High School's chapter of the National Honor Society. These students were selected due to their extremely high standard of excellence in both academics and extra-curricular activities. To commemorate the occasion, the BHS Chorus performed a lovely rendition of "Weep, O Mine Eyes," and Superintendent Richard Paskiewicz offered his congratulatory remarks. In addition to this, Thomas Galvin was made an honorary member of the society in his last year as principal of BHS. The new members of the National Honor Society will serve as role models for the rest of the school and will continue to maintain the academic standards necessary for success.



### Current Members:

Jennifer Blair  
Lisa Conlon  
Laura Ebner  
Jesse Kavumpurath  
Amanda Mitchell  
Stephanie Odell  
Lindsay Picard  
Nichole Scotti  
Christina Vallera  
Erin Young

Lara Bryers  
Nancy DeBlasio  
Nicholas Greco  
Jennifer Kohl  
Maria Monaco  
Christopher Parks  
Caitlin Reilly  
Elizabeth Sliwka  
Melissa Vasil  
Lisa Zaccagnino

Kathleen Capen  
Nicholas Disantis  
Monica Kaczor  
Michael McKinniss  
Julie Neilan  
Kristina Peterson  
Kelly Schaller  
Laurel Unwin  
Elizabeth Wnuk  
Katelin Zaslav

### New Inductees:

Kathryn Albus  
Rosalie Bacon  
Katie Baldwin  
Justin Banulski  
Meredith Barrett  
Kevin Boryczki  
Tracy Catlin  
Heather Caunt  
Joanne Chastawa  
Janelle Colburn  
Kevin Connelly  
Melissa DeLorm  
Desiree Duong  
Nadia Ferraro  
Brian Gack  
Kimberly Gagliardi  
Nicole Gagliardi  
MaryAnn Garibaldi  
Kaelyn Garrity

Adam Grabowski  
Lindsay Guttmann  
Katherine Hayden  
Erin Heslin  
Christopher Hill  
Leah Hinchliffe  
Anthony Hrenko  
Jonathan Kowalski  
Jessica Linker  
Kelly Lyons  
Lauren MacIag  
Kerrigan Mahoney  
John McCabe  
Amanda Menditto  
Christopher Mercier  
Matthew Mercier  
Justin Moore  
Sara Morrison

Timothy Newell  
Adam Nogiec  
Lynn Opulski  
Amy Osiecki  
Melissa Paradis  
Margaret Pastuszak  
Michael Prigodich  
Amy Punkunus  
Anthony Reynolds  
Casey Schreiner  
Pooja Shetty  
Alyssa Simeone  
Melissa Spence  
Rebecca Szwecul  
Brian Tetrault  
Matthew Wrobel  
Alissa Wurtzel  
Kimberly Zenobi





**Opposite page:** top Lynn Opulski waits patiently for the induction to begin. bottom: Justin Banulski, Katie Baldwin, Rosalie Bacon, and Kate Albus recite the National Honor Society Pledge.

**This page - Clockwise:** Michael Pavette recognizes Mr. Galvin's enthusiastic support for National Honor Society inductees, Kate Hayden is not only happy but also proud to be walking across the stage before her peers. Monica Kaczor and Jen Bates, after finally lighting the candle, present it to Chris Hill. The 1998 inductees. The senior members of the National Honor Society, including officers Michael Payette — President, Athina Panagopoulos — Vice President, Jennifer Bates — Treasurer and Eric Murphy — Secretary, Nadia Ferraro signs her name in the National Honor Society Register.

# *Future Teachers of America* *Science Club* *Business Club* *Math Team*

## *Preparing for the Future*

In addition to the service and creative clubs, there are also academic clubs to satisfy the intellectual mind. Whether a person's interest lies in math, business, education or science, BHS provides a club for all.

The Math Team is a group which allows students to explore the wonderful world of mathematics. Advised by Mr. Kevin Dake and assisted by Mr. Robert DiCicco, the Math Team competes against other high schools in math meets within the Middlesex Country Math League. Of course, victories are not easily gained. The members of the Math Team are constantly practicing and sharpening their skills for upcoming competitions.

The Environthon, advised by Mr. John McNulty, is a club that introduces students to the many fascinating aspects of science. The club helps to promote science both in the school and in the community. In addition to interesting research projects, in past years, the group has gone on special field trips, including a spring canoeing trip.

For those that are planning a career in the field of teaching, the Future Teachers of America provide ample opportunities. Advised by Mrs. Christine Colaiacovo, this club helps to organize events during National Education Week and also gives its members a chance to spend a day in the school of their choice, so that they may observe and assist a teacher in action.

The Business Club is an organization that gives students a chance to learn about the corporate world. The club gives students an idea of what kind of obstacles they may face in the future, and helps them to be prepared for this. The Business Club is advised by Mrs. Laurie Nelson and Mrs. June Valentino.



*Stergia Georgacopoulos, Shauna Hamelin, Brenda Cuillus and Jen Kapinga of the Future teachers of America have a good time at a period Y meeting.*





*Above top: Members of the Science Club puzzle over their results.*

*Above: The Search Class performs an experiment, making sure to record all data.*



**Future Teachers of America**



**Science Club**



**Business Club**



**Math Team**

# *student council red cross club ophelia service league*

## *Brightening the School and Community*

At BHS, many clubs are dedicated to serving the community. These groups spend countless hours planning fundraisers, food drives and other activities that benefit the community.

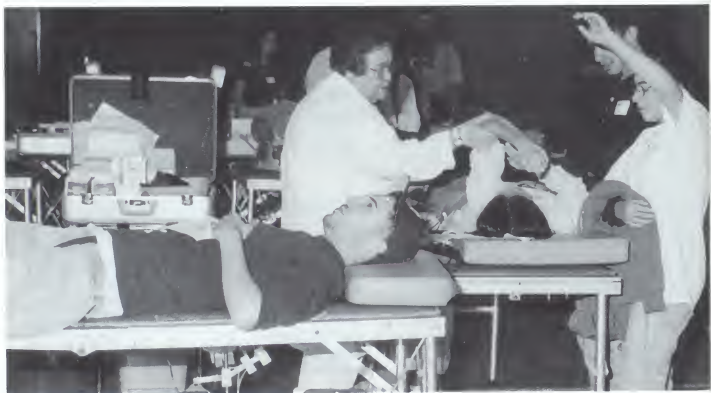
One of the clubs that contributes a great amount to those in need is the Service League. This club, which is advised by Mrs. Sandra D'Angona, is involved in many different activities, such as an annual senior citizen Christmas party (complete with pin the nose on Frosty and musical chairs), a Bowl-a-Thon, and a fashion show. Each project helps the community, and also incorporates a great deal of fun. This year the group is comprised of sixteen members with seniors Marie DeSanto as president, Amy Osiecki as vice president, Carrie Carlson as secretary, Sarah DeMarco as treasurer and Tracey Wells as historian.

Another service oriented group at BHS is the Ophelia Club, advised by Mrs. Susan Daniels. This club is comprised of a great assortment of people, all of whom contribute different elements of their personality to the whole. Every year the Ophelia club sponsors a School Turkey and School Sweetheart contest which help to raise money for a variety of charities. The club also sponsors the annual Food Drive, which is always a great success. As a service organization, Ophelia encourages its members to create their own projects and apply them to the school. The club is run solely by the students, which gives all

involved a greater sense of responsibility and accomplishment.

Yet another service club here at Berlin High is the Red Cross Club. Advised by Mrs. Kathryn Bryers and Mrs. Donna Liljestrand, this club has been a member of the school's extra-curricular family since 1991. Now in it's seventh year, the club has excelled in its ability to help not only our community, but other communities as well. The Red Cross's determination and effort have paid off and the club was rewarded with the Governor's Hero of the Year award in May of 1996. This year, the club is looking forward to doing its usual community oriented activities such as the annual Blood Drive, Letters From Santa and Valentines to Veterans.

One of the largest service organizations is the Student Council which is advised by Dr. William Silva and Mrs. Sarah McDermott. In order to be a part of this group, students are elected by their peers. The individuals elected are chosen to represent the student body's opinions and ideas to the administration. Throughout the year, the Council keeps students informed on important school issues such as scholarships, dances, student activities, and, of course, the annual Homecoming Dance. The Council's officers this year are president Jennifer Kohl, vice president Lisa Zaccagnino, treasurer Erich Bannar, recording secretary Amanda Menditto, and corresponding secretary Maryanne Chesery.



*BHS students rise to the occasion of an emergency blood drive in the fall, including Jen Delbiando.*



*Katie Mahoney is happy to give blood for a good cause.*



*Tracey Wells participates in a game of musical chairs at the annual senior citizen Christmas Party run by Service League.*



*Sarah DeMarco and Mrs. D'Angona prepare the punch for Service League's annual St. Patrick's Day Tea.*



**Service League:** Senior members include Ghadeer Alami, Carrie Carlson, Lisa Conlon, Jen DelBiondo, Sarah DeMarco, Marie DeSanto, Amy Kalentkowski, Jesse Kavumpurath, Ella Sliwka, Amy Osieki, and Ela Wnuk.



**Red Cross Club:** Senior members include Nichole Scotti.



**Student Council:** Senior members include Erich Bennar, Jenn Kohl, Eric Murphy, Athina Panagopoulos, Christina Vallera, and Lisa Zaccagnino.



**Ophelia:** Senior members include Nick Disantis, Beth Glabau, and Nichole Scotti.



*"I enjoy working with a team and UpBeat gives me that chance."*

— Tom Buikus



## UpBeat: Goals and Expectations

The 1997-1998 school year was the celebration of ten years of community involvement and student training for Berlin High School's UpBeat Peer-Leadership Program. The handful of students and adults that began the program a decade ago had grown into more than 200 students and 200 adults, while the projects done by the program had increased in both number and diversity. Adult Coordinator Alice Mitchell spoke of changes and continued development concerning the program's impact on the High School, and the Senior members of the program searched for new ways to support the community and make a small difference in the world around them. With all of the expectations and goals for the year ahead, UpBeat had a great deal of work to do.

At the start of the year, UpBeat introduced itself to the many excited Freshmen who wanted to become a part of the program. Projects that needed to be addressed and carried out were lined up waiting to be accepted by UpBeat's new members, and they took up the tasks willingly and enthusiastically. If their initial involvement in the program is reflective of their four years as UpBeat Peer-Leaders, then UpBeat has a solid foundation for the future and the community has a strong group to turn to for support.

For UpBeat's veteran peer-leaders, particularly the Sophomores and Juniors, the 1997-1998 year was filled with numerous projects, various advanced training skills, and many new experiences. Towards the beginning of the year, the Juniors attended a training weekend where they started preparing for their future roles as the leaders of the program, and in March, both the Sophomores and the Juniors ventured to Camp Woodstock for two days and three nights of UpBeat lessons, skills, teamwork, fun, and unmatched memories. Throughout the year the two classes worked steadily to fulfill UpBeat's mission and to spread the program's message to everyone.

As for the leaders of the program, the Seniors had a challenging year of responsibility, organization, and time management. They worked endlessly to ensure that all of the work that came to the program was done well, and they never failed to look for new work to bring to the program. Student Coordinators Amanda Mitchell, Kristina Peterson, and Michael Payette oversaw UpBeat's work as a whole, while a hardworking Senior Board made certain that UpBeat reached new heights in the High School as well as in the community. The year ended with a touching bonfire in May at which the Seniors said their good-byes and passed the program on to a promising Junior class with more expectations and goals for next year.





**Clockwise opposite page:** Laura Ebner helps Kate Payette through the ropes course.

The seniors of Upbeat — the ones who put it all together.

Mrs. McLoughlin, Jen Bates and Tom Buikus work together to get through the ropes course.



**Clockwise this page:** Kristina Sirois climbs down the wall and completes a fantastic feat.

Working together is a huge part of Upbeat.

The '97-'98 Upbeat Group. Mike Payette and Kris Peterson get a meeting started with some laughs.





# AWARENESS

*international club CT forum WERB  
youth and government*

## A Glimpse at the World

A special group of clubs here at BHS are the awareness clubs. These organizations give students a taste of the real world by learning about other people's cultures and what issues affect them. These clubs often help to open the eyes of the students participating in them.

The International Club is just one of these many clubs. Advised by Mrs. Shirley Duong, this organization introduces its members to different cultures and ethnic backgrounds. The club gives those involved a chance to express their personal and family beliefs and, in turn, listen to other's beliefs. There is no dominating race or religion in the International Club, and every member is proud of their diversity.

Another awareness club at BHS is the Youth and Government Club. This organization demands a great deal of time and effort from its members so that the club will operate successfully. "YAG", as its members call it, is for those who are interested in how the government works and desire a better understanding of politics. Every March the group participates in a statewide convention at the capitol where they argue bills, join political parties and run for offices. The convention is the highlight of the club and much time is spent preparing for it.

WERB is yet another fascinating club at Berlin High. The Radio Station allows students to gain experience in the broadcasting field, before going out into the real world. Many of the members have produced their own radio show. This year the group has around thirty disc jockies, all of whom work very hard to produce the most interesting broadcasts possible. WERB is often seen covering sports, games and other special events. Mr. Gerald Havel advises this animated group.

The Connecticut Forum is another club that concentrates on diversity. The students in this club visit a new school around the state each month. There, the group discusses a variety of topics with others, which range from driving laws to teen sex. In addition to monthly school meetings, the Connecticut Forum also attends events held at the Bushnell. Directed by Mrs. Sarah McDermott, these students are constantly sharing their opinions with others and learning more about different backgrounds.

**Clockwise:** Jessica Linker addresses the people in a speech for Youth and Government. Joy Zigmont voices her opinion to all present. Wendy Lou Duong, Sona Shah and Mrs. McDermott participate in a dance during multicultural week.





**International Club**



**CT Forum**



**WERB**



**Youth and Government.** Senior members include  
*Nick DiSantis and Marie DeSanto*

# web club art club literary magazine berlin byline

## Where Imaginations Flourish

Yet another group of clubs available to students as Berlin High are the creative clubs. These organizations provide a place for students to explore their innermost thoughts and feelings through art and writing.

One such organization is the *Byline*, our school newspaper. Run by Mrs. Diane Wolf, the *Berlin Byline* produces about six issues a year. There are a large variety of topics included in the paper, ranging from sports to summer vacation. Each member on the staff reviews the articles and makes sure that they are finished by the appointed deadline. Co-Editor-in-Chief Sarah Spitko says, "The *Byline* is a newspaper written by the students, for the students. Anyone is able to contribute articles, and this gives all a chance to have their say."

The Literary Magazine is another publication produced here at BHS. Fondly referred to by its contributors as "The Lit Mag", this magazine consists of many creative articles from many different students. Together, every student uses his creativity to write or draw, and then combines his work with others to produce the magazine. This year there are more than twenty students working under advisor Mr. Joseph Calise and editor Missy Gionfriddo.

Another imaginative group at Berlin High is the Art Club, run

by Miss Tricia Brunette. The students of this club meet every period Y and are free to use any of the art equipment available. Students use watercolors and pastels to produce many wonderful drawings and paintings. The club members are given the freedom of inventing whatever art creation they can dream up, and the friendly atmosphere they work in allows the ideas to flow easily.

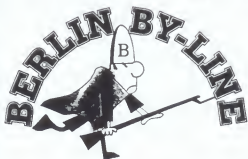
The Yearbook is yet another club that is full of innovation writings. Each year the book is produced by a hand selected senior staff who are advised by Mrs. Judith O'Brien. The seniors spend endless hours cropping pictures, framing layouts and writing articles. The final product is always a success, and there are many awards to show for it. Business advisor to the yearbook is Mr. Davis Pasco.

One last creative club available to students at BHS is the Web Club. This club is made up of twenty students who provide education oriented content on Berlin High School's World Wide Web Site. The website, named "The Berlin Wall", is wholly produced and run by Web Club members. Under the advisement of Technology Education teacher Mr. Christopher Wolfe, club members are free to publish anything from technology document to home recipes on the site.





Berlin High School Homepage  
Berlin High School Homepage



Clockwise left to right: Christina Vallera and Monica Kaczor look through pictures for the yearbook. An example of Berlin High school's web site home page. Ela Sliwka and Lisa Conlon are typing articles to be published in the yearbook. The icon of Berlin Byline's masthead.



**Web Club:** Senior members include Adam Ligas and Greg Senia



**Art Club**



**Literary Magazine** Senior member includes Melissa Gionfriddo.



**Berlin Byline** Senior member includes Lisa Zaccagnino

Besides academics and extracurricular activities, some students are also involved in one of many **SPORTS** teams here

at Berlin High. There **ARE** a variety of varsity teams that compete throughout the year. In the fall, the swimming, volleyball, football, men and women's soccer and cross-country

teams are hard at work. The winter makes way for **AN** entirely new group comprised of men's Basketball, women's basketball and wrestling. Finally, in the spring, yet another

**IMPORTANT** group of teams begin practice. This group consists of the tennis, softball, baseball, track and golf teams.

Each student involved contributes a large **PART** of themselves to the team, and it is because **OF** each **STUDENT**

that the team as a whole is a success. Without the many

different sports available to students, **LIFE** at this school would not be half exciting, Sports help bring the faculty, students and community together as one common unit.





# SPORTS

*James Tarver goes up strong for a layup, as James Daigle anticipates the basket.*

# Redcoats Battle Hard Through a Tough Season

1997 was the Year of the Underdog for Berlin Redcoats football. Although the scores were not always in Berlin's favor, the Redcoats were successful in many aspects of the game. Many records were broken this season. Ken Bratina gained 640 yards receiving and 42 receptions during the season. He also had 11 receptions in a single game. Nick Greco threw a school record of 15 completions in the second game of the Redcoats' season against Maloney. Marc Piatek led the team in rushing yards, while Todd May and Ben Murphy fired up the defense. Chris Kanaple, Erich Bannar, Adam Bryers, and Alfred Sturtevant kept the team's spirits up and they stepped up in critical situations. Five team members were named to the All-Northwest Conference team: Ken Bratina at receiver, Marc Piatek at running back, Nick Greco at defensive back, Todd May at linebacker, and Ben Murphy at the middle guard position.

The team kicked off its conference schedule with a tie against Northwest Catholic, and they continued to gain victories against Farmington, St. Paul, and East Catholic, with their only conference losses to Plainville and Middletown. Most of the games were uphill battles, but the victories were "sweet."

Many of the underclassmen will use their varsity experience to lead the team next season — including Justin Moore, at offensive, as well as defensive tackle, Tim Newell at middle linebacker, and Bill Robinson at linebacker and tight end. Also included in this powerful returning team are the versatile Anthony Reynolds, and defensive end, Rob Levesque. Reynolds primarily filled the duties at defensive end but also filled in at many other positions. Levesque was a second team All-Northwest Conference selection.

Whether the Redcoats played in mud, ice, downpours, or a combination of all three, the 1997 season built character, and brought not only the seniors, but the entire team closer together.



**Clockwise from left:** Ben Murphy runs out onto the field during the homecoming game. Marc Piatek plows through the defense. Erich Bannar pulls away from his opponent. The 1997 football team. Nick Greco throws a long pass to a teammate. Marc Piatek ponders over the first half. Todd May finds a gap in the defense.



#### SCOREBOARD

Overall Record: 3-6-1

Conference Record: 3-2-1

|                 |       |               |       |
|-----------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Platt           | 6-33  | St. Paul      | 32-0  |
| Maloney         | 20-32 | Farmington    | 30-19 |
| Bristol Central | 0-28  | Plainville    | 0-26  |
| Holy Cross      | 14-35 | East Catholic | 28-0  |
| N.W. Catholic   | 22-22 | Middletown    | 16-36 |

# A Championship Team Always Finds a Way to Win

Incredible things happened this year for the women's soccer team. After a tie in the season opener against RHAM, the Lady Redcoats won their next 16 games, including two incredible victories against conference rival Farmington, on their way to their second conference championship in school history.

The second of the two meetings against Farmington was important for the Lady Redcoats; a win would clinch the conference championship. Farmington struck first and took a 1-0 lead into half-time. That was as close as Farmington would get to a victory. Senior tri-captain Athina Panagopoulos scored a volley off of Kathleen Samson's free kick to tie up the game 1-1. Sophomore Kim Capodiece headed home the winner off of Samson's corner kick to win the game and the Northwest Conference championship.

The Lady Redcoats were not only a dominant force in the conference but in the state as well. Senior tri-captain Michelle Crowe, Athina Panagopoulos, and sophomore Lindsey Pulito were named to the All State team, and they along with Kathleen Samson and Kim Capodiece were All Conference selections. Athina and Michelle were also elected to participate in the Senior Bowl game. Senior tri-captain Stephanie Odell and senior Jenn Kohl were significant in the Lady Redcoats' drive to the conference title and to the quarterfinal round of the state tournament. Stephanie recorded 10 shutouts, with a record 5 shutouts in a row. Jenn played relentless defense as the women finished the season 16-1-1. The Lady Redcoats lose only four seniors and should continue to be dominant in the conference as well as in the state. This team will always find a way to win.



## SCOREBOARD Overall Record 16-1-1 Conference Record 14-0

|               |     |               |        |
|---------------|-----|---------------|--------|
| RHAM          | 1-1 | Plainville    | 5-0    |
| St. Paul      | 3-1 | East Catholic | 7-1    |
| Plainville    | 3-0 | Aquinas       | 8-0    |
| East Catholic | 8-0 | N.W Catholic  | 3-2    |
|               |     |               | (OT)   |
| Aquinas       | 6-2 | Farmington    | 2-1    |
| N. W Catholic | 3-0 | Middletown    | 7-0    |
| Farmington    | 1-0 | Newington     | 1-0    |
| Middletown    | 4-0 | Watertown     | 2-1    |
|               |     |               | (PK's) |
| St. Paul      | 2-0 | New Canaan    | 2-3    |
|               |     |               | (OT)   |



**Clockwise from above:** Stacy Ryan beats a defender as she moves up field. Jenn Kohl takes a shot on net. Stephanie Odell makes a save on the opposition. Amy Massaro throws off a defender with a move. The 1997 Women's Soccer Team. Athina Panagopoulos fights past a defender as she heads toward goal. Michelle Crowe lays off a pass to a teammate.



## Playing With Heart and Courage

Although the men's soccer team only had three wins this season, each game was played with heart and courage. The most important win for the Redcoats came against Aquinas. Aquinas was strongly favored, but the Redcoats proved everyone wrong. Even with only three wins, the Redcoats were a strong team that had potential for upsets.

The team was led by three seniors. Senior co-captain Mike Karwowski had a great season for the Redcoats. He was able to earn the honor of All-Conference and was also selected to play in the Senior Bowl. Co-captain Eric Murphy not only provided senior leadership, but also had a great season for the Redcoats, adding his speed to the redcoat midfield. Steve Nappi also provided senior leadership for the rest of the team and was able to excel on the field. Other important players for the Redcoats were Justin Funk and Luke Karwowski. Justin, only a sophomore, stepped up for the Redcoats and did an outstanding job at goalkeeper. Luke also did a great job for the team on defense.

With many young players returning next season, the Redcoats have a much brighter future. Next year's upperclassmen will have to step it up for the Redcoats and provide leadership for the talented incoming underclassmen next year. With determination, courage, and heart, the Redcoats should have a better season next year.





**Clockwise from left:** Luke Karwowski takes on a defender. Eric Murphy uses his speed to get past a defender. Mike Karwowski goes up for a header. Justin Funk punts the ball after making a great save. The 1997 Men's Soccer Team. John McCabe prepares to boot the ball up field.



#### Scoreboard

Overall Record 3-12-1

Conference Record 3-11

|                    |     |                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| St. Paul           | 2-5 | Plainville         | 0-3 |
| Plainville         | 2-3 | North Branford     | 0-6 |
| East Catholic      | 0-3 | East Catholic      | 0-1 |
| Aquinas            | 2-1 | Aquinas            | 0-1 |
| Northwest Catholic | 4-2 | Northwest Catholic | 2-0 |
| Farmington         | 1-4 | Farmington         | 0-6 |
| Middletown         | 1-4 | Middletown         | 0-3 |
| St. Paul           | 1-2 | Putnam             | 2-2 |

# Berlin Clinches Title Once More

The 1997 Women's Volleyball team proved to be a great source of pride for Berlin High School once again. They captured the Northwest Conference Title for the fourth consecutive year. This was the first time, in the Northwest Conference, that a team had accomplished this feat. At the start of the season, Coach Bob Tarigo referred to the Northwest Conference banner in the Gibney Gymnasium and issued a challenge for his players saying, "It is my goal to put another year on that banner." The players took this to heart, and posted a 13-1 Conference record. They proceeded to the first round of the state tournament, losing to Woodstock Academy, 0-3. Several players stepped up to advantage the team during the 1997 season. Sophomore Rebecca Collis captured the assistance high with 173. She also was the season's high server with 97% of her serves successful. Senior Lindsay Picard held the blocking record for the team with 27. Senior Nancy DeBlasio led the team in aces with 97. Seniors Jennifer Bates's effective defensive skills, Kelly Matson's powerful serving and Amy Punkunus's senior experience contributed greatly to the championship team. Sophomore Liz Clements was a tremendous asset at the net. Collis and Senior co-captains Erin Young and Caitlin Reilly received All-Conference honors. Reilly was also named to the All-State team. She led the team with 198 kills for the season. With Clements, Collis, and several other underclassmen returning, next season could very well lead to the fifth Northwest Conference championship for the Lady Recoats.

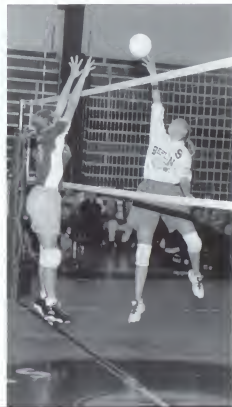
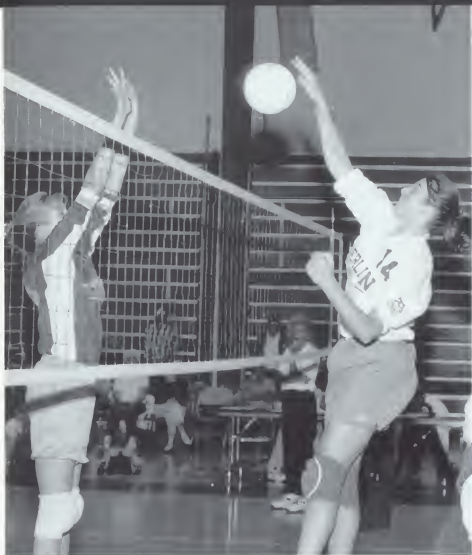


*Clockwise from left: Erin Young zeros in on the ball at the net. Liz Clements aggressively slams the ball past her opponent. Nancy DeBlasio concentrates on serving an ace. Caitlin Reilly uses finesse to score. Rebecca Collis, Lindsay Picard, and Caitlin Reilly use teamwork to keep the ball alive. The 1997 Volleyball team. Lindsay Picard blocks her opponent's attempt to score.*



## SCOREBOARD Overall Record: 14-5 Conference Record: 13-1

|               |     |                   |     |
|---------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Southington   | 2-3 | St. Paul          | 3-0 |
| St. Paul      | 3-0 | Plainville        | 3-0 |
| Plainville    | 3-1 | New Britain       | 0-3 |
| East Catholic | 3-0 | East Catholic     | 3-0 |
| New Britain   | 2-3 | N.W. Catholic     | 3-0 |
| Aquinas       | 3-0 | Farmington        | 3-0 |
| N.W. Catholic | 3-0 | Middletown        | 2-3 |
| Farmington    | 3-1 | Aquinas           | 3-0 |
| Middletown    | 3-0 | Woodstock Academy | 0-3 |
| Hale-Ray      | 3-0 |                   |     |



# Carpe Diem

The men's and women's cross-country teams will be strong in the years to come because of the numerous underclassmen who participated this year. The success and hard work of the cross-country teams helped them seize the day and take advantage of their talent.

The women's cross-country team won their first conference championship in history as they finished 14-0. The Lady Redcoats defeated conference foe Middletown in their run for the championship. Junior Erin Heslin was Berlin's top runner, almost always coming in first. Senior captain Melissa Vasil provided leadership and experience and juniors Kim and Nicole Gagliardi were consistent top finishers for the Lady Redcoats. The women also won the Bellringer Invitational, a meet in which over 40 teams compete, the Berlin Mega Meet, and placed second in the Run to the Sun meet. In addition the Lady Redcoats won the Northwest Conference Meet.

The men's team did not have as impressive a record as the women, but their heart and determination helped the men's team improve consistently throughout the season. Sophomore Adam Grabowski was Berlin's top finisher in most meets. Juniors Kevin Boryczki and captain Jon Kowalski were also prominent runners. The Redcoats finished with a 2-14 record and Adam Grabowski was a Northwest Conference Honorable Mention runner. The men return all seven runners for next year in a bid to capture the Northwest Conference championship.



## SCOREBOARD

| Men's                   |       | Women's                 |             |
|-------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Farmington, Plainville  | 32-25 | Farmington, Plainville  | 25-32 17-44 |
| St. Paul, East Catholic | 21-34 | St. Paul, East Catholic | 15-50 19-40 |
| Middletown, H-K         | 50-15 | Middletown, H-K         | 23-34 20-43 |
| N.W. Catholic           | 35-21 | N.W. Catholic           | 21-35       |
| Coventry                | 48-15 | Coventry                | 15-45       |
| Portland                | 43-18 | Portland                | 15-50       |
| Platt                   | 41-18 | Platt                   | 15-50       |
| Coginchaug              | 44-15 | Hale-Ray                | 15-48       |
| Somers                  | 37-20 | Maloney                 | 18-43       |
| Hale-Ray                | 19-38 | Bristol Eastern         | 15-50       |
| Maloney                 | 42-16 | Rocky Hill              | 15-50       |
| Bristol Eastern         | 40-20 |                         |             |
| Rocky Hill              | 34-23 |                         |             |

*Clockwise from top: Adam Grabowski strives to capture first place. Vicki Nesta holds off a runner as she rounds the corner. The 1997 men's and women's cross-country teams.*



# Steppin' It Up



After losing a number of valuable seniors last year, the underclassmen really had to step it up this year. With the addition of five freshmen, the women's swim team posted a 7-7 record. After coming off a major upset by Haddam-Killingworth, the Redcoats came back the next week to beat Plainville, Sheehan, and Lyman Hall. This was the first time the Lady Redcoats had beaten Plainville in the history of BHS swimming. The Redcoats finished off their season on a positive note with a win against East Catholic.

Lauren Malinowski, a sophomore, achieved her goal this year. She made the state time for the 100 breast-stroke and also broke the school record. Freshman Rae Haroutunian and Abby Marchocos were valuable assets to the team this year for the 200 free and 200 individual medley. Rae made states in the 200 free along with senior Brittany Platek. Along with Brittany, Rae, and Lauren, junior Tricia Lukeski and senior Janelle Colburn went to states for swimming events while senior Laurel Unwin went to state for diving.

At her first state competition, Laurel placed 20th out of 40 divers. After winning first place in the 500 free and 200 medley at CUSCs, Janelle placed 13th in the 200 medley and 10th in the 500 free.

The outlook for next year's team is a good one. The underclassmen possess a lot of potential and the team can only get stronger with the addition of new freshmen who will have to, once again, "step it up".



## SCOREBOARD

Overall Record: 7-7

Conference Record: 3-5

|                     |        |               |        |
|---------------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| Farmington          | 84-94  | Rocky Hill    | 100-83 |
| Haddam-Killingworth | 84-101 | Middletown    | 90-94  |
| Plainville          | 95-85  | St. Paul      | 86-94  |
| Sheehan             | 94-89  | Buckeley      | 93-55  |
| Lyman Hall          | 100-83 | Platt         | 86-95  |
| Suffield            | 79-101 | E.O. Smith    | 92-91  |
| Windsor Locks       | 101-80 | East Catholic | 91-84  |

**Counter-clockwise from top:** Janelle Colburn is ready to begin her race. Laurel Unwin has perfect form as she flips through the air. Tricia Lukeski swims her way to yet another victory. The 1997 Berlin High School Swim Team.

# CHAMPIONS

1997

The **Lady Redcoats Volleyball Team** captured the Northwest Conference Championship for the fourth consecutive year. This broke the NWC record for the most consecutive championship wins. Also, All-Northwest Conference honors were awarded to Sophomore Rebecca Collis and Senior co-captains Caitlin Reilly and Erin Young. The 1997 team was led by seven seniors who showed exceptional leadership throughout the season.

The **Unified Soccer Team** had an outstanding season this year winning a well earned State Championship. The team, which consists of special athletes and their partners, started off their season with a 6-2 win over Simsbury. The team was led by senior co-captains Margaret Wach and Rachel Stankiewicz. The cooperation and dedication of the entire team led to a memorable first season.





The **Women's Cross-Country Team** won their first Northwest Conference Title. All season long, the team progressively grew stronger and built up their confidence. Each meet, Berlin led in varsity and junior varsity races; they were left undefeated (14-0). The team took the initiative to be the best — to beat the person in front, to build the Berlin Pack, and to be strong going up the Bellingr Hill. This is why they are Northwest Conference 1997 Women's Cross-Country Champions. Erin Heslin, Nicole Gagliardi, Melissa Vasil (captain), and Kim Gagliardi received All-Conference Honors. Daniela Pasi and Kristen Kalentkowski received honorable mention.

The Berlin High **Women's Soccer Team** went undefeated during the regular season to become Northwest Conference Champions. The Redcoats showed their overwhelming dominance in all of their games especially in their 1-0 and 2-1 wins over Farmington. This year the Redcoats broke all but two team records and this alone shows how strong the Redcoats were this year. This was only the second time the Women's Soccer Team captured the championship title in the Northwest Conference.



*Clockwise from opposite page: The Women's Volleyball Team gets ready to play. Women's Cross-Country dominates the race. Daniela Pasi, Christina Valiera, and Melissa Vasil have just received their first NWC plaque. Seniors of the 1997 Women's Soccer Team. Lindsey Pulito maintains possession of the ball for the Redcoats. Mrs. Pera awards Margaret Wach with a medal as Rachel Stankiewicz looks on. The 1997 Unified Sports Soccer Team. The Seniors on the Volleyball Team pose for a picture after their last home game.*

# A Record-Breaking Season

The 1997-98 wrestling team had an outstanding season, compiling an overall record of 21-6. One win shy from breaking the all-time record, which stands at 22 wins. Although they are a young team, they were a dominating force in the Northwest Conference. They brought the pride home after a 50-14 win over rival Plainville. The high point of the season came when they knocked off the returning Class "M" State Champions New Fairfield (31-30). Along with this stellar performance, they were able to bump off top 10 programs to secure the number nine position. Once again, Berlin has proven to be not only a force within their conference, but the top team in the state.

The team which has a promising junior class had one senior. Returning '96 Class M Champion and co-captain Joe Forsyth finished the dual meet season at 145 lbs with a record of 26-1. He will be a top contender in the Open and new England Championships this year.

Co-captains Anthony Reynolds (171), Rob Levesque (135), Jason Siegal (119), Adam Nogiec (140), and Jeremy Osakowicz (152) dominated at their respective weight classes and will be top contenders in the State Championships this year.

1997 was a year to break records. Junior Rob Levesque shattered the takedown record with 83 takedowns in the season. The record was previously 71. Jeremy Osakowicz broke the record for the most takedowns in a dual meet with 13. This year was the first year that the Redcoats were able to take better than a third at the New Fairfield duals.

With such a solid team, they will surely make noise in the M tournament this year. Next year will be an even more promising year as the seniors take control of the competition not only on the state level but on the regional level as well.



*Clockwise from top left: Joe Forsyth dominates his opponent in a recent match. Joe Cleary gives it all he has during all of his matches. Peter Egazarian fends off his opponent. The 1997-98 wrestling team. Matt Wright takes control. Mike Laroche pins his opponent. Jeremy Osakowicz is ready for action.*



#### SCOREBOARD

Overall Record: 20-6

Conference Record: 4-0

|                 |       |               |       |
|-----------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Maloney         | 35-37 | Stamford      | 24-42 |
| Plainville      | 50-14 | Ledyard       | 29-39 |
| Bristol Central | 12-58 | Pilgrim, RI   | 58-24 |
| Jonathan Law    | 42-35 | Cheshire      | 51-18 |
| Guilford        | 46-21 | Platt         | 49-18 |
| Killingly       | 44-32 | East Catholic | 66-15 |
| Middletown      | 44-23 | East Hartford | 41-27 |
| Weston          | 68-9  | Simsbury      | 42-24 |
| Daniel Hand     | 40-21 | Southington   | 42-30 |
| New Fairfield   | 31-30 | Farmington    | 51-19 |
| New Britain     | 62-18 | Glastonbury   | 52-30 |
| NFA             | 26-42 | New Paltz, NY | 34-33 |
| Daniel Hand     | 43-33 | New Fairfield | 26-42 |
|                 |       | Bacon Academy | 60-16 |





# A Bumpy Ride

The Lady Redcoats Women's Basketball team has had its ups and downs throughout this season so far. The Redcoats have pulled off some thrilling victories and have endured some devastating defeats, but they continue to improve in their quest for the Northwest Conference Championship.

The Redcoats pulled off their biggest victory of the season against Northwest Catholic, which has always been a dominant force in the conference. The game was a low scoring one but the Lady Redcoats played suffocating defense and pulled out a 28-22 victory. It was the first victory over the Indians in a long time and it was a hard earned one at that.

The Redcoats are led by senior tri-captains Nancy DeBlasio, Caitlin Reilly, and Stephanie Sacharko. They provide leadership on and off the court for the underclassmen. Also playing well for the Lady Redcoats are sophomores Liz Clements and Kathleen Samson and junior Kaelyn Garrity. Nancy, Kaelyn and Kathleen lead the attack while Liz and Caitlin play smothering defense. Outstanding teamwork and team support should help the Lady Redcoats finish strong as they head for the post season.



## SCOREBOARD

As of 2/10/98

Conference Record 6-6 Overall Record 10-7

|                     |       |               |       |
|---------------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Bunnell             | 49-42 | St. Paul      | 26-49 |
| Haddam-Killingworth | 29-30 | Farmington    | 26-43 |
| East Catholic       | 38-40 | Middletown    | 59-40 |
| Farmington          | 27-36 | Aquinas       | 42-29 |
| Wamogo              | 39-22 | N.W.Catholic  | 29-33 |
| Platt               | 48-43 | East Catholic | 50-25 |
| Middletown          | 50-36 | Westbrook     | 50-28 |
| N.W. Catholic       | 28-22 | St. Paul      | 34-55 |
| Plainville          | 48-37 |               |       |



Clockwise from left: Liz Clements goes up hard for a lay-up. Nancy DeBlasio focuses on a Redcoat victory as she drives to the basket. Kathleen Samson uses a teammate's screen to attack on offense. Caitlin Reilly finds an opening in the defense. Kendra Sobiech finishes a breakaway lay-up. Kaitlin Garrity rips a rebound away from a defender. The 1997-98 Women's Basketball team.



# A Season of Ups and Downs

The 1998 Men's Basketball team had a season that was filled with ups and downs. Berlin started off the season 2-0 with wins against Brookfield and Morgan. The biggest win for the Redcoats was an exciting 70-51 win against Plainville. After losing by only three points at home against Plainville, the Redcoats sought revenge, and led by seniors James Tarver, John Pentore, and James Daigle, the Redcoats left Plainville stunned. Later in the year, the Redcoats took Aquinas into overtime. Unfortunately, they lost, but it was a great accomplishment because Aquinas had been heavily favored going into the game.

The Redcoats had many seniors on the team this year. James brought his unbelievable defense, rebounding skills, and positive attitude to the court everyday. Also taking care of business on the court was senior captain John Pentore. With his unbelievable speed and ball handling, John was able to take on any opponent. Another senior that had a great season for the Redcoats was James Tarver. His overwhelming dominance and power down low gave the Redcoats an inside game.

Coming off the bench for the Redcoats was senior Brian Fitzgerald who impressed many with his hard work and skill. The Redcoats also had some help from senior Chris Hill who was a great leader for the younger players. The team will greatly miss these seniors but should still have a great season next year.

Remaining for the Redcoats will be sophomore Bryan Jacobowicz who surprised many fans this year. His incredible speed, dribbling, and shooting along with his ability to soar through the air were definitely great helps to the Redcoats this year. His outside shooting and experience will also help the team next year. Also returning will be Jesse Carlson. Jesse, with his ability to shoot, penetrate into the key, and to find a man down low, will be a leader on the team. The Redcoats have not yet finished their season, but already, their record has improved since last year. The team under the coaching of Luke Reilly, definitely has a promising future. Watch out for the Redcoats!



## SCOREBOARD

As of 2/11/98

Overall Record: 6-10

Conference Record: 3-8

|                    |       |                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Brookfield         | 61-49 | St. Paul           | 50-34 |
| Morgan             | 61-43 | Farmington         | 51-66 |
| Conginshaug        | 52-57 | Middletown         | 47-61 |
| Rocky Hill         | 73-67 | East Catholic      | 51-65 |
| Plett              | 54-66 | Northwest Catholic | 49-64 |
| Middletown         | 68-47 | Plainville         | 70-51 |
| Northwest Catholic | 49-64 | Aquinas            | 51-57 |
| Plainville         | 67-70 | St. Paul           | 52-56 |



*Clockwise from left: The 1998 Men's Basketball Team. James Tarver powers up to the basket. John Pentore plays outstanding defense as he chases down the opponent. James Daigle goes up for two points. Scott Jambard shoots a jumpshot. The men's basketball team takes a time out to talk things over. Bryan Jacobowicz uses his speed to dribble past a defender.*



# Women's Golf Quickly Rises to the Top

After only three seasons, the Lady Redcoats had a powerful impact on the state high school golf scene. Juniors Deena Miller, Michelle Crowe, Jennifer Bates and Amy Osiecki, Sophomore Kaelyn Garrity and Freshman Rebecca Collis led the team to a 14-0-1 season.

At the state tournament, at Hunter's Golf Course in Meriden, Berlin ranked second and was awarded the State Runner-Up title. Berlin was also awarded Co-League Champions, along with Glastonbury. Deena Miller shot the low round for the team with 50 strokes, to secure the win.

The team's most memorable match was against Glastonbury, because Glastonbury had defeated Berlin each of the previous years. Last season, both teams went into the match undefeated. Berlin shattered Glastonbury's record with a tie. Michelle Crowe, Jennifer Bates and Rebecca Collis were victorious in their matches while Miller secured a tie. The Berlin Women would not have been as successful without the constant encouragement and enthusiasm of new head coach, Janice Tordanado and the contributions of all the players, including Garrity who had medalist honors in all but three matches. Crowe was undefeated in match play. Bates accomplished many goals and Collis has proven to be a definite asset to the team. With these key players returning, they look forward to another winning season.



## SCOREBOARD

Overall Record: 14-0-1

League Record: 14-0-1

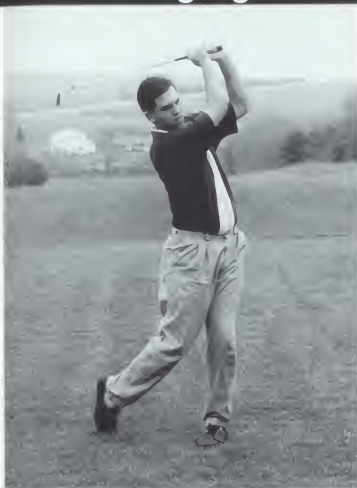
|                 |         |                |         |
|-----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| New Britain     | 4-1     | East Catholic  | 5-0     |
| Weaver/Simsbury | 5-0-0   | Farmington     | 4.5-5   |
| Fairfield       | 4-1     | Mercy          | 4.5-5   |
| Newington       | 5-0     | Lauralton Hall | 3.5-1.5 |
| Wethersfield    | 4.5-5   | Ridgefield     | 3-2     |
| Middletown      | 3.5-1.5 | Glastonbury    | 2.5-2.5 |
| Suffield        | 5-0     | Manchester     | 5-0     |



Clockwise from top: Jennifer Bates finishes a round at Timberlin. Michelle Crowe sends a long drive down the fairway. The 1997 Women's Golf Team.



# Swinging Into a Solid Season



The Berlin High School men's golf team had a solid season last year with a record of 17-15-1 (11-3 in the conference). The team's biggest win of the year was against Farmington the first time around. Behind strong play from Dan O'Reilly and Anthony Hrenko, the Redcoats put up a strong fight and won. Dan and Anthony were the keys to success for the Redcoats. Unfortunately, the Redcoats lost a difficult battle against Farmington in their last regular season match which would have tied them for first place in the conference.

After losing five of the six varsity members, the team looks toward Anthony Hrenko, the only returning varsity player, to carry the team to a championship. Also, with great leadership from returning seniors Chris Parks, Kevin Carling, and Greg Senia, the Redcoats will have a strong season next year.



**Top to bottom:** Greg Senia smashes the ball down the middle of the fairway. Kevin Carling sinks a short put. The 1997 Men's Golf Team.



## SCOREBOARD

Overall Record: 17-15-1

Conference Record: 11-3

|                                         |       |                                  |         |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Farmington                              | W     | Northwest Catholic, St. Paul     | W, W    |
| Middletown, Plainville                  | W, W  | Aquinas, East Catholic           | W, W    |
| Fairfield Prep, Watertown               | L, W  | Conard, Hall, Wethersfield       | L, L, L |
| Maloney, Xavier                         | W, L  | Conard, Hall, Maloney            | W, W, L |
| East Catholic, Northwest Catholic       | W, L  | Watertown                        | L       |
| Aquinas, St. Paul                       | W, L  | Glastonbury, Wethersfield        | L, L    |
| Bristol Eastern, New Britain, Newington |       | Farmington, Wethersfield         | T, L    |
|                                         | W, W, |                                  |         |
|                                         | L     |                                  |         |
| Middletown                              | W     | Farmington, Plainville, Simsbury | L, W, L |

# Beyond Expectations

The 1997 Lady Redcoats finished their season with an outstanding overall record of 15-7 (11-3 in the Northwest Conference), a large improvement from their 11-10 overall record in 1996. The girls began their season with a seven game winning streak, including a 5-0 win against the team's rival, Farmington. This game was definitely the highlight of the season as the Lady Redcoats were able to shut out Farmington at Farmington. With hard work, the 1997 girl's softball team also advanced to the second round of the Class M State Tournament.

Led by junior captain and catcher Stephanie Odell behind the plate and junior and All-Conference pitcher Erin Young on the mound, the Redcoats were difficult to beat. They pitched their way to six shut outs including a no-hitter. All-State and All-Conference selection Nancy DeBlasio played solid defense at shortstop, while All-Conference selection Sara Wysocki also played great defense in the outfield and proved to be a great help for the Redcoats on offense. These returning seniors, along with senior first baseman Megan Hannifan, will definitely allow the Lady Redcoats to dominate next year.

Other strong players returning next year are juniors Danielle Civitillo and Carey Berger. Danielle worked very hard and proved herself to be a great player at second base. Carey not only got the job done at third but also helped the Redcoats on offense.

With only two seniors graduating and the entire infield returning next year, the 1998 Lady redcoats dream of winning the Conference Championship may be fulfilled. If the players are willing to work hard enough, this team will enjoy a winning season.

*Clockwise from top left:*

*Danielle Civitillo hustles around second base.*

*Stephanie Odell anxiously awaits a fastball from Erin Young.*

*Nancy DeBlasio prepares to catch a fly ball.*

*Erin Young guns a strike towards home plate.*

*Sara Wysocki hustles to catch up with a well hit fly ball.*

*The 1997 Women's Softball Team.*

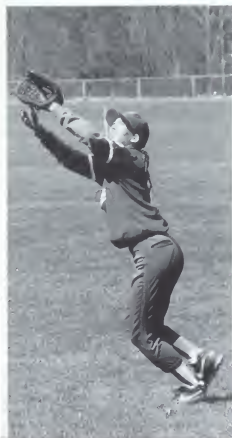


## SCOREBOARD

Overall Record: 15-7

Conference Record: 11-3

|                    |      |                    |      |
|--------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Wethersfield       | 7-1  | Aquinas            | 13-0 |
| Waterford          | 12-6 | Middletown         | 1-2  |
| East Catholic      | 13-3 | Farmington         | 0-3  |
| Aquinas            | 13-4 | St. Paul           | 16-0 |
| St. Paul           | 18-0 | Northwest Catholic | 8-4  |
| Platt              | 12-5 | Middletown         | 3-6  |
| Farmington         | 5-0  | Plainville         | 16-0 |
| Bristol Eastern    | 0-15 | Southington        | 0-5  |
| Northwest Catholic | 7-1  | Windsor            | 6-10 |
| Plainville         | 11-7 | Northwest Catholic | 6-3  |
| East Catholic      | 18-0 | Montville          | 0-5  |



# Excellence Continues in Redcoats Baseball

The 1997 Berlin High School Baseball Team posted a 16 and 6 record, reaching the Class M state finals. In doing this, Berlin was able to capture a piece of the Northwest Conference Championship by defeating its arch-rival at Plainville High School. Though the beginning of the season was a bit shaky for Berlin with some unexpected losses early in the season, their tremendous comeback in the Northwest Conference was no surprise with Berlin's solid bats and excellent pitching. Berlin gained its composure and finished the season in a tremendous fashion by doing very well in the state championship. Also, the team defeated the #1 ranked team in New England, East Hartford. This tremendous victory was anchored by the incredible pitching of Josh Benson who only allowed three hits. Both of Berlin's runs were scored by Eric Murphy, which gave Berlin its 2-1 win. This game was by far Berlin's best defensive effort of the entire season. This win was a huge emotional boost for Berlin before entering the state tournament. The baseball team as a whole batted over .320 and played extremely well in the field.

The team consisted of an excellent junior class with such players as Dan Sullivan, Josh Benson, Eric Murphy, and Ken Bratina. Also, Sullivan, Benson, and Murphy were All-Northwest Conference selections. With these players returning, as well as Ryan Cimino and Bryan Fitzgerald, Berlin will expect to have another excellent season returning to the state tournament.



## SCOREBOARD Overall Record: 19-6 Conference Record: 11-3

|                |      |                |       |
|----------------|------|----------------|-------|
| Simsbury       | 1-7  | Farmington     | 6-2   |
| Enfield        | 6-0  | St. Paul       | 11-2  |
| East Catholic  | 7-0  | N. W. Catholic | 24-3  |
| Aquinas        | 24-1 | East Hartford  | 3-8   |
| Coginchaug     | 6-2  | Plainville     | 8-2   |
| Middletown     | 2-4  | East Hartford  | 2-1   |
| St. Paul       | 9-2  | Newington      | 9-4   |
| N. W. Catholic | 17-4 | Farmington     | 7-3   |
| Plainville     | 1-2  | Lyman Memorial | 16-11 |
| East Catholic  | 5-6  | Darien         | 2-0   |
| Farmington     | 14-6 | Montville      | 7-0   |
| Aquinas        | 6-1  | East Catholic  | 7-8   |
| Middletown     | 17-5 |                |       |



**Clockwise from top:** Dan Sullivan tosses the heat. Ryan Cimino fires the ball to first base. Bill Robinson hustles to round first base. John Pentore is determined to make the close play. Bryan Fitzgerald scoops up the ball at first base. Eric Murphy awaits a fastball. Ken Bratina recovers a ball in the outfield. The 1997 Baseball Team.





# Tournament Champs Once Again

The 1997 Berlin High School Women's tennis team ended another victorious season with an overall record of 12-5. The team was able to bounce back from their tough loss to Farmington and win their next eight matches. This eight game winning streak included a tight match against Middletown and a 7-0 shutout against Northwest Catholic.

While losing only two games in the conference, the team finished second but was able to win the Northwest Conference Tournament once again. All-Conference selection Liz Clements, while only a freshman, led the Lady Redcoats at number one singles and will return just as strong next year. With the loss of eight seniors, the Lady Redcoats are looking toward returning senior Monica Kaczor and promising sophomore Colleen McGuire to lead the team to another victorious season.



## SCOREBOARD

Overall Record: 12-3

Conference Record: 12-2

|                    |     |                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| Woodstock          | 1-6 | East Catholic      | 6-1 |
| East Catholic      | 7-0 | Middletown         | 4-3 |
| Aquinas            | 7-0 | St. Paul           | 6-1 |
| Middletown         | 5-2 | Northwest Catholic | 6-1 |
| St. Paul           | 5-2 | Aquinas            | 5-2 |
| Farmington         | 3-4 | Plainville         | 6-1 |
| Northwest Catholic | 7-0 | Farmington         | 1-6 |
| Plainville         | 5-2 |                    |     |



**Top to bottom:** Monica Kaczor returns a hard hit ball. Colleen McGuire concentrates on her backhand. The 1997 Women's Tennis Team.

# Mens Show Significant Improvement



The 1997 Berlin Men's Tennis Team significantly improved both individually and collectively. In each match, in which they played an opponent for a second time, the players improved their scores. Matches against Plainville, Middletown, Aquinas and Platt, losses the first time, turned into wins during the rematches.

In the Northwest Conference, which features a number of top players, Kyle Guzze competed very well at number one. Despite his relative inexperience, he was always competitive.

A highlight of the season was the day-night doubleheader versus Middletown. The team lost the opener with a score of 3-4, but came back in the nightcamp to win 4-3. This was quite an accomplishment because several players competed in four matches: two singles and two doubles within a seven-hour period.

At the end of the season, Mike Scerra was able to cash in on all his hard work and become the first Berlin men's tennis player to win a match from number three singles in the conference tournament.

The team's improvement will be sure to continue with seniors Guzze and Scerra, and sophomore Ryan Stowell returning.



## SCOREBOARD

Overall Record: 7-10

Conference Record: 5-7

|                |     |                |     |
|----------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Platt          | 4-5 | Farmington     | 2-5 |
| Bunnell        | 2-5 | Rocky Hill     | 6-1 |
| East Catholic  | 2-5 | N. W. Catholic | 6-1 |
| Aquinas        | 3-4 | Aquinas        | 5-2 |
| N. W. Catholic | 4-3 | Farmington     | 3-4 |
| Plainville     | 3-4 | Tolland        | 4-7 |
| East Catholic  | 3-4 | Plainville     | 4-3 |
| Middletown     | 3-4 | Platt          | 9-2 |
| Middletown     | 4-3 |                |     |

**Clockwise from top:** Kyle Guzze serves an ace. The 1997 Men's Tennis Team. Ryan Stowell returns a hard hit serve.

# Blowing the Competition Away

1997 proved to be a record breaking season for the Berlin High Women's track team. The team finished the regular season with a 3 way tie for first place. The team finished with a 12-3 record with only one loss in the conference to perennial powerhouse Plainville. The team also recorded its first ever win over Torrington in a crushing 99-33 victory. The team broke or established 7 team or grade level records. They also recorded the team's 150 victory.

Mandy Rival had a spectacular season as Class M champ in the high jump and the long jump. She also was All-State with a 5th place finish in the 100 Hurdles. Stephenie Sacharko and Melissa Vasil also had strong showings at the Class M meet. Sacharko took 5th place in Javelin and Vasil was a member of the 5th place 4x800 relay team. That 4x800 team broke the school record with a speedy time of 10:23.

The team placed 6th at the Class M meet, 28th at the State Open, and 3rd at the NWC meet. Leading the team next year will be seniors Melissa Vasil, Lisa Zaccagnino, Stephenie Sacharko, Julie Neilan, Daniela Pasi, Christina Vallera, and Kelly Ann Baron as the look to defend their title as NWC champs.



## SCOREBOARD

League Record 6-1

Overall Record 12-3

|               |           |                    |        |
|---------------|-----------|--------------------|--------|
| RHAM          | 60-72     | Middletown         | 90-42  |
| East Hampton  | 86-46     | Maloney            | 74-58  |
| Torrington    | 99-33     | Morgan             | 93-38  |
| Wolcott       | 64.5-67.5 | Plainville         | 53-79  |
| East Catholic | 93-38     | Aquinas            | 128-4  |
| St. Paul      | 107-23    | Rocky Hill         | 100-41 |
| Portland      | 91-36     | Northwest Catholic | 75-57  |
| Farmington    | 67-65     |                    |        |



**Clockwise from left:** Melissa Vasil wins the 400 meter dash. Kim Rival focuses on a great throw. Maura Carey hurdles to the finish. Stephenie Sacharko prepares for her throw. Shelly Webber bursts out of the starting blocks in the 4x100 relay. Lisa Zaccagnino puts all her energy into her throw. The 1997 Women's Track Team.

# Working Towards a Championship Team

1997 was a rebuilding year for the Men's track team. A strong group of sophomores and juniors will be returning to make the team an experienced and successful group in 1998.

Many of the team members advanced to Class M and to the State Open events with some placing in these meets. Junior Mike Karwowski placed 6th in the mile at the Class M meet. He was also All Northwest Conference in that event and he placed 2nd in the conference meet. Sophomores Justin Banulski and Jon Kowalski took 1st and 5th place respectively in the pole vault at the Conference meet. Also freshman Adam Grabowski placed 6th in the 5000 meters and Luke Karwowski placed 6th in the 200 meters.

Strong showings at the meet by these athletes as well as many others helped Berlin capture 3rd place in the conference. They finished the regular season in 5th place with a 2-4 record. With many experienced juniors and seniors returning next year, the team should have a solid chance at the conference title.



## SCOREBOARD

League Record 2-4

Overall Record 6-8

RHAM

Lewis Mills

Coginchaug

East Hampton

East Catholic

St. Paul

Portland

66-88

84-69

47-107

70-84

74-80

114-50

90-57

Farmington

Middletown

Morgan

Maloney

Plainville

Rocky Hill

Northwest Catholic

105-49

44-110

80-74

62-92

75-79

98-56

103-51







**Clockwise from left:** Mike Payette sprints to the finish in the 100. James Daigle launches a winning throw in the discus event. Luke Karwowski gets a strong start out of the blocks. Kevin Boryczki takes the lead in the 5000. Matt Wrobel focuses on the finish line.

**The 1997 Men's Track Team.**

# A LITTLE LUCK CAN GO A LONG WAY

BHS athletes have come to realize that in sports a little luck goes a long way. There are many different sports here at BHS, and no matter what sport it is, athletes get themselves into a certain unbreakable routine or "superstition." Do you believe in superstition? The softball team does. "Before each inning we cicle up on the mound according to positions and I make a circle with my fingers and each of the other infielders puts their pinkie finger into the circle and we have a different topic each game and each person says something about it. It releases a little tension before each inning," says Erin Young.



Fairy dust may not not be a common thing on the grid iron, but superstition definitely is. The football players have a certain order to which they do things. Nick Greco said, "Same socks, same shirt, same cleats for every game, and I always sit next to Anthony Reynolds and my equipment is always third to be put in the shower area. I think that's it."



The cross-country team has their own way of getting things done. It may not be as wacky as some of the other routines, but Christina Vallera told us, "Before every meet we all stretch together and we always cheer each other on." Running seems to be a sport of luck. Lisa Zaccagnino, a thrower on the track team, said, "I find fairy dust enhances my centripetal force in the discus circle."





While football seems to have commonly forgotten to do their routines, women's soccer did not. The undefeated champions have a method to their madness. Athina Panagopoulos said that, "Before every game our coach gives us this sheet with an inspirational paragraph and a quote on it. After we read the paper we tear off the quote and put it in our shinguards."

While tearing is part of the soccer superstition, biting is what the swim team does. It may sound different, but Laurel Unwin told us, "Some of us bit off the corners of our roster for good luck before a relay — and no, we don't eat it!"



The women's golf team had a special phrase this year. No, they weren't building a house, but they were "Raising the Roof!" as Jennifer Bates exclaims. This popular dance movement helped to raise them up to the top last year.

Supertition: does it work? Well, if it doesn't it is not going to stop these athletes from doing what they do best.

**Clockwise from top:** The women's soccer team prepares for a game. The women's swim team show team spirit. The women's golf team is "Raising the Roof." A Berlin player busts through the hoop before a game. The women's cross-country team warms up for a meet. The softball team gathers on the mound before an inning.

Throughout the halls of Berlin High, both **STUDENTS**

and teachers collaborate together on millions of different activities. From sports teams, to extracurricular clubs, students are constantly getting involved in some way.

Although there is often a great deal of school work to accomplish,

students **MAKE** time for their extracurricular activities. The

**UP** of Berlin High School is very diversified, and this leads to an abundance of ideas and opinions. These ideas help to keep life

at Berlin High interesting and constantly on **THE** move.  
No matter what the day is, or what the time is, there is always a

**SPECTRUM** of possibilities to explore and discover at BHS. Though we may differ in our opinions and interests, all

**OF** the students do agree on one thing — we are all grateful to our teachers for the education we have received. The extraordinary people we have come in contact with have made a permanent

**BERLIN HIGH** is a  
impression on our futures. constant source of creativity, intelligence and diversity. There is no doubt that all those that inhabit the school are proud of their Alma Mater.



# PEOPLE

*Natalie Marynczak and Mike Nevelos wait for the bell to ring to start math class.*



# Awaiting Our Prism

A spectrum of light's beauty can only be seen through the transparent angles of a prism. We, the Class of 1999 are like that spectrum of light, awaiting our time to shine through our prism so that all the world may see our splendid color. It is with great anticipation that we await the day where we can revel our truest and brightest colors to all.

As Juniors in Berlin High School, we are determined to excel academically, athletically and personally. We will not accomplish this by working as individuals. This would shed a mere ray of color through our prism. It is as a group that we assemble and strive for the common goal of success in all areas of life.

Already we have triumphed over the trials and tribulations of freshman and sophomore years and are now experiencing the life of an upper-classman. We try our best to be role models to upcoming students and look to the senior class for advice. We are trapped in the age of uncertainty, too old to be considered inexperienced and naive, yet too young to be a veteran of life.

We strengthen ourselves daily through persistence in the classroom, determination on the field, and an unrelenting pride on who we are in our hearts.

Although we are sometimes forced to make decisions on our own, we almost always have had a great team of support. Our parents and the faculty of Berlin High School have been there to brush the dirt off our knees when we fell and to lift us to the heavens when we are successful. We keep this in mind as we look forward to our senior year, because it is only with their constant devotion and love for us that we will reach the pinnacle of both our high school and life long careers.

It is with sweet sorrow that we remember the past and stare into our eminent future. We have, and will continue to take advantage of all the opportunities placed before us and will go the extra mile to strive for opportunities currently out of our reach. When it is finally our day to shine through our prism, there is no doubt the world will be stunned by its brilliance.



The Junior Class Officers include: Pooja Shetty — Secretary, Jim Francalanga — President, Alyssa Simeone — Vice President, Kevin Boryczki — Treasurer.



Junior Homecoming attendant, Alyssa Simeone, and her date Ted Perzanowski smile as they wait to be introduced to the crowd.



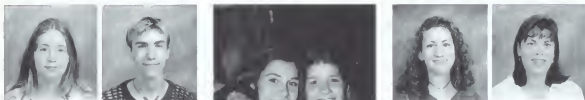
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Carrie Aleksunes  
Carissa Andrews  
Katherine Atkinson  
Rosalie Bacon  
Sarah Bacon



Justin Banulski  
Marco Barbagallo  
Meredith Barrett  
Erin Bayer  
Erin Beaudoin  
Courtney Bennett



Raquel Benoit  
Carey Berger  
Paul Berger  
Benjamin Blasco  
Kevin Borycki  
Kate Boucher



Sarah Bradanini  
Nathan Brouillette  
Heather Brysgel  
Stefani Buccheri



Melissa Marturano and Missy  
Letizio stop for a picture at the  
Spirit Dance.

Brenda Cabelus  
Nicholas Camarata  
Michele Capodice  
Maura Carey



Kathryn Carlson  
Kristina Carlson  
Nicholas Cataldo  
Tracy Catlin  
Heather Caunt  
Daniel Charamut



Louis Chesery  
Joanne Chlastawa  
Shayna Chomko  
Daniel Civitello  
Meredith Cohen  
Kevin Connelly



Tynan Cooney  
Candy Copeland  
Danielle Crescentini  
Krystian Dabrowski  
Mark DeBenedictis  
Melissa Delorm

John-Paul Demko  
Nicole DiDomenico  
Anthony DiMugno  
Scott DiPietro



Walter Domanski  
Jill Domijan  
Jeffrey Dunphy  
Desiree Duong

Jim Francalangia, Liz Lewis, and  
Jen Kaseta take a break from their  
studies to smile for the camera.

Thomas Duong  
Violet Dynak  
Allison Eddy  
Nadia Ferraro  
Amy Fetterman  
James Francalangia

Brian Gacek  
Kimberly Gagliardi  
Nicole Gagliardi  
Mary-Ann Garibaldi  
Kaelyn Garrity  
David Gentile

Stergia Georgacopoulos  
Lisa Gerent  
Richard Gomez  
Adam Grabowski  
Jeffrey Grabowski  
Ella Greaney

Lindsay Guttman  
Melissa Hadvab  
Shauna Hamelin  
Bree Haroutunian  
Emily Hayden  
Katherine Hayden

Erin Heslin  
Leah Hinchliffe  
Anthony Hrenko  
Michael Hyland

Jennifer Jacobs  
Timothy Janelle  
Eric Kallberg  
Jennifer Kaseta



Diane Marzec, Justin Moore, and  
Meg Lotko are waiting for English  
class to begin.



Jennifer Kopinja  
Kimberly Korfel  
Jonathan Kowalski  
Erin Krajewski  
Hope Dumme  
Nicholas LeFort



Members of the Biology class stop for a quick group photo.



Gregory Lemiska  
Melissa Letizio



Robert Levesque  
Elizabeth Lewis



Jessica Linker  
Brent Lore  
Margaret Lotko  
Patricia Lukeski  
Kelly Lyons  
Lauren Maciag



Katherine Maglio  
Kerrigan Mahoney  
Kelly Malloy  
Melissa Marturano



Melissa Delorm and Erin Beaudoin  
pose while waiting for the pep rally  
to begin.

Diane Marzec  
Amy Matulis  
Brian Mayer  
John McCabe



Michael McKenna  
Amanda Menditto  
Christopher Mercier  
Matthew Mercier  
Sarah-Beth Merris  
Leslie Miller



Paul Miller  
Justin Mirante  
Thomas Modifica  
Justin Moore  
Justin Morin  
Sara Morrison



Erin Heslin, Lauren Maciag, Melissa Paradis, Leah Hinchliffe and Rachel Perzan wear their powder puff shirts to show their school spirit.



Celine Noyes  
Tanner O'Neil  
Lynn Opulski  
Derek Osakowicz  
Jeremy Osakowicz  
Melissa Paradis



Katherine Paradise  
Karen Paskowski  
Margaret Pastuszak  
Vipul Patel  
Kevin Pelletier  
Matthew Pepe



Antonio Peronace  
Rachel Perzan  
Ralph Pierce  
Christopher Pinyk  
Brenda Polgroszek  
Sarah Potanka



Rachel Powers  
Michael Prigodich  
Tracy Pulver  
Thomas Reusch  
Anthony Reynolds  
Jeffrey Ringler



William Robinson  
Dennis Roman  
Paula Rossitto  
Crystal Sakautzky  
Elizabeth Sanseverino  
Justin Sargis







Anthony Hrenko hits the ball and hopes for a good hit.



Jeremy Moskites  
Jason Meyer  
Rebecca Sarkosi  
Casey Schreiner  
Catherine Scibek



Michael Nelson  
Timothy Newell  
Pooja Shetty  
Tracy Shipman  
Jason Siegal



Adam Nogiec  
Brian Nowek  
Daniel Silva  
Alyssa Simeone  
Kendra Sobiech  
Lauren Sokolowski



Shawn Solek  
Rebecca Sparkman  
Melissa Spence  
Sarah Spitko



Thomas Sturtevant  
Rebecca Szewczul  
Nate Teodoro  
Brian Tetraault

Melissa Spence interviews John McCabe during the play *Anything Goes*.



Ryan Trask  
Anthony Vallera  
William Wass  
NiKole Watkins  
Chester Winnicki  
Bryan Wosczyzna



Rob Levesque watches the football game and hopes for a victory.



Matthew Wrobel  
Alissa Wurtzel  
Steven Yantz  
Candace Yarincik



Katelin Zaslow  
Brian Ziegenhagen  
Joy Zigmont

# Class of 2000: Adding New Colors to Our Spectrum

As the first class of the new millennium progresses forth, there will be many challenges that we must be prepared for. Berlin High School is a stepping-stone that will stimulate our growing intellect to help us meet these challenges. The spectrum of life at Berlin High School continues to be intense.

Our journey through high school began as freshmen, initiating the splendor of colors from our newly created spectrum. Although the idea of leaving middle school to become "high schoolers" seemed somewhat exciting and adventurous, the experience was also intimidating. In one summer our social status plummeted from being the hot shots of middle school to the immature and unfamiliar "freshmeat" of Berlin High School. Entering new grounds and coping with issues that we had never yet imagined proved to be the ultimate challenge for us that year. The haunting tales of the "freshman experience"



**Sophomore Class Officers:** Treasurer — Amy Massaro, Vice President — Nicole Myers, President — Allison Tanguay, and Secretary — Justin Funk.

which we were told and in turn, were discouraged by, did not manifest much truth. When the year was finally over, we learned that high school wasn't so bad after all and looked forward to the new challenges that awaited us.

As we moved up a grade, we experienced tougher classes, different teachers, and more pressure to do well. However, unlike the beginning of our freshman year, we easily grew comfortable in our surroundings. New friends and familiar faces helped us get through the new array of obstacles. Long-lasting relationships were built. Pride of our school was instilled upon us.

We look forward to our junior and senior years, as they will bring forth a more exuberant display of colors to our spectrum. Attending our Junior and Senior Proms will add to the excitement of our upcoming years as upperclassmen. We eagerly await for many more fun-filled adventures, upgraded privileges, and memories that will last a lifetime.





Nicholas Abraham  
Jill Abrahamson  
Brian Adkins  
Marcus Buffaloe  
Heather Bugay  
Brian Bugnacki  
Julia Burchardt  
Christina Byrne  
Kimberly Capodiece



Chad Alexander  
Christi Anderson  
Desiree Arduini  
Andrea Caravaca  
Carlo Carlino



David Audette  
Katie Barczak  
Robert Bartholomew  
Lindsay Carlson  
Anthony Caruso

Some friends at the Homecoming Dance take a break from dancing and pose for a group shot.



Melissa Benzi  
Sabrina Berardozi  
Eric Berger  
Paul Cavaliere  
Mary Ann Chesery  
Matthew Ciammella  
Angie Ciarcia  
Joseph Cleary  
Elizabeth Clements



Michael Besenyey  
Ryan Bialek  
Justin Bianca  
Melissa Clifford  
Rebecca Collis



Kelsey Bisson  
Nicholas Booth  
David Borselle  
Dominic Costa  
Jessica Costa



Vasiliki Bouras  
Kristen Brady  
Shawn Bransfield  
Marc Costa  
Joseph Cote

Sophomore attendant, Lindsey Pulito is escorted by her date Mike Cunningham down the aisle.



Carrie Brochu  
William Buchas  
Christine Buczynski  
Heather Cowles  
Jennifer Crowe  
Michael Cunningham  
Stefanie Cyr  
Kevin D'Aquila  
Paul DeBenedictis

Jennifer Deconti  
Melissa DelBiondo  
Nicole Demma  
Anthony DeSanto  
April Dodson  
Kelly Dougherty



Michelle DuFour  
Jessica Dumais



Jacque Dunleavy  
Theresa Duong



Kim Rival, Lindsey Pulito, Shannon Ritone, Katie Barczak, Colleen McGuire, Shelly Weber, and Steph Odell pose for the camera at the first spirit dance.

Rachel Dzienis  
Peter Egazarian  
Kimberly Ellison  
Robert Ferguson  
Jason Ferraro  
Elizabeth Ferris



Kyla Finn  
Nicole Foster  
Diana Fragione  
Elizabeth Frick  
Sarah Frick  
Justin Funk



Rebecca Gacek  
Steven Gacek  
Katie Gagliardi  
Carissa Gagne  
Laura Gallo  
Jason Georgini



Michael Germano  
Amanda Geruch  
Ryan Gombar  
Adam Grabowski  
Patrick Grady  
Anthony Greco



Joshua Greco  
Heather Guite  
Candace Hall  
Ryan Hannifan  
Krista Hegg  
Richard Herman





Candice Hewins  
Michael Hill  
Roger Ho  
Natalie Holody  
Christopher Hope  
Scott Houston



J.P. Iacobelli  
Bryan Jacobowitz  
Scott Jambrad  
Melissa Janota  
Jason Jarema  
Kristen Jastrzemski



Kristen Kalentkowski  
Robyn Kavarsky  
Robert Kazior  
Jennifer Kelly  
Kenneth Kulas  
Michael Kusek



Christopher Lagassey  
Melissa LaPosta  
Kathryn LaRosa  
Zachary Leghorn  
Brett Lewis  
Amy Lizotte



Richard Longo  
Shane Lorton  
Kristopher Lotko  
Steven Majczak  
Lauren Malinowski  
Melissa Marchant



Leah Margentino  
Tara Marzi  
Amy Massaro  
Zachary Maura  
Jennifer McGilvery  
Colleen McGuire



Amy McKeon  
Arlyn Mendaros  
Krystal Mildrum



Arylyn Menderos, Amy McKeon, Heather Guite, and  
Christina Byrne take a breather from dancing at the  
spirit dance.



Samantha Miller  
Scott Misiaszek  
Jamie Mitchell





Kellie Molnar  
Melissa Moon  
Carlos Morales  
Matthew Moran



Mike Sorrentino concentrates using great effort to perform well in the long jump event at a home track meet.

Sara Morin  
Shannon Morin  
Sara Mortensen  
Kristen Mowel



Nicole Myers  
Joseph Narus  
Katherine Nehring  
Victoria Nesta  
Christopher Norton  
Crystal Noyes



David Olson  
Lindsay Orlich  
Anthony Pagano  
Laura Palasek  
Andrew Paluch  
Enzo Parafati



Lester Paszkowski  
Gaurav Patel  
Jennifer Pawelczyk  
Kathryn Payette  
Myka Perrelli  
Ryan Picard



Michael Pietrantonio  
Brian Polash  
Ryan Previti  
Lindsey Pulito  
Christopher Puzio  
Shannon Ritone



The Color Guard and Drill Team show their school spirit at the Pep Rally.





Eric Rogers  
Laurel Rudge  
Benjamin Rudnick  
Stacy Ryan  
Ursula Salek  
Elaina Salonia



Kathleen Samson  
Sheyla Santana  
Thomas Satkowski  
James Scarrozzo  
Sona Shah  
David Skoczylas



Samantha Slusz  
Kelly Smith  
Kylee Solek  
Michael Sorrentino  
Edwin Soto  
Kevin Soucie



Jesse Starks  
Ryan Stowell  
Allison Tanguay  
Jessica Toomey  
Holly Tucholski  
Jeannine Uznanski



Kimberly Vandrilla  
Christopher VanEtten  
Melinda Varricchio  
Brian Vasquez  
Diane Wach  
Joshua Wantek



Vanessa Wasielak  
Phil Wasilewski  
Benjamin Watson  
Shelly-Ann Weber  
Christopher Wilson  
Lucy Whuk



Kimberly Rival  
Alaina Rizzo  
Jeffrey Roberge  
Nicholas Wolf  
Kristina Wood  
Matthew Young  
Katie Zaccagnino



Paul Roberge  
Richard Roberge  
Harmony Robinson  
Brian Zahaba  
Michael Zarotney  
Molly Zembko  
Carrie Zhang

Ryan Bialek and Ryan Hannifan take a break from the action of the field while hoping to warm up on the sidelines.

# A Spectrum of New Experiences

One year ago, none of us could imagine leaving McGee and coming to Berlin High. All of us had our own fears and curiosities about high school. Making the transition from middle school to high school was tough especially in the first couple of weeks. We went from being the oldest kids in the school to the youngest. This change was difficult for most of us, but somehow we all made it through.

Many of us freshmen learned quickly that the best way to adapt to our new school was to get involved. The many different clubs and teams gave us so many opportunities to get to know and become friends with students from each class. Sports gave our personalities a competitive edge while clubs like UpBeat opened our lives to the community surrounding us.

Coming to a new school in the fall offered us a whole array of new experiences. We have been given the opportunity to attend our first pep rally and homecoming dance. Cheering in the cold at a Redcoats football game or in the warmth of the high school gym at a basketball game gave each of us a little more school spirit.

All of the friends we made and the activities that we experienced, began our spectrum at Berlin High. We will remember all of this year's events and keep them with us for the rest of our lives.



Freshman Class Officers: Matt Piryk — President, John Tedesco — Vice President, Lindsay Dario — Secretary, Brian Tevlin — Treasurer.



Emily Adamkiewicz  
Hana Alami  
Kathryn Anderson  
Adrian Andreotta  
Kristi Aritgus  
Krysten Balavender  
Desiree Baldessari  
Stacie Baldwin  
Robert Balkum



Nicholas Barwikowski  
Jason Beaudoin  
Melissa Bengston  
William Bennett  
Lindsay Benson  
David Bialczak  
Christopher Bialek  
Nicole Bodzon  
Michelle Brochu



Kristin Brown  
Lindsay Bruno  
Robyn Bryers  
Jeremy Bucchi  
Dana Calvo  
Nichole Caron  
Jeremiah Carrier  
Tiana Caruso  
Jennifer Cass



Ashley Casserino  
John Casso  
Gregory Caunt  
Meredith Cavaliere  
Matthew Chamberland  
Sarah Chase  
Suzanne Chlastawa  
Christopher Choiski  
Caitlin Garcia



Monica Cichocki  
Jeffrey Colburn  
Adam Connelly  
Alicia Cooney  
Melissa Crescentini  
Justin Cyr  
Jessica D'Amico  
Amy Dastoli  
Matthew Dawczyk



Stephen DeFeo  
Jennifer Dennis  
Evan Desrochers  
Michael DiDomenico  
Christopher Dirga  
Laura DiSalvo  
Allison Donahue  
Lindsay Dorio  
Rebecca Duksa



Natalie Earley  
Karen Ebner  
Kimberly Facey  
Thomas Farr

Colin Felth  
Kristin Fitch  
Ryan Foote  
Kevin Forsyth

Ryan Matson and Mike Retano wait for lunch to end.

Leonard Frank  
Nicholas Gaiotti  
Benjamin Garrity  
Timothy Golas  
Daniel Gonsalves  
Brandon Gonzalez  
Bryan Grabowski  
Theresa Griffo  
Melissa Griswold



Sara Guzze  
Michael Haroutunian  
Rae Haroutunian  
Gus Hosiotis  
Parth Havnurkar



Joyce Helm  
Kevin Heslin  
Thomas Hrubiec  
Nicholas Jarema  
Matthew Jarmon

Sarah Waskiewicz, Allison Donahue, and Laura DiSalvo hang out during lunch.

Jessica Jarosz  
Jeffrey Jeske  
Christopher Jud  
Megan Kalentkowski  
Michael Keating  
Peter Kern



Kimberly Kidd  
Joseph Killgren  
Joann LaBianca  
Adam Lagueux  
Kevin Lancio  
Michael Laroche



Raymond Lavery  
Stephen Lechowicz  
Jennifer Legenza



Stephen Legnani  
Anthony Leone  
James Lescoe



Anthony Letizio  
Justin Ligas  
Allison Linker



Lindsay Dorio, Freshman Homecoming attendant, enjoys the night with her date Chris Bialek.





Karen Ebner and Angela Salerno take a break after a long run during Cross-Country.



Joseph LoMonte  
Karen Lowchy  
Katie Lyons  
Tara Marciag  
Meghan Mahoney  
Patrick Mahoney



Eva Majczak  
Kathryn Majewicz  
Maria Manuele  
Abby Marchacos  
Michael Mariano  
Andrew Marino



Andrew Martin  
Jonathan Martin  
Jason Marturano  
John Matulis  
Jonathan Mayer  
Brian Mazzarella



Matthew McCormack  
John Mengual  
Katherine Messina  
Nadia Mian  
Scott Michalek  
Joshua Miles



Craig Miller  
Eric Montanile  
Sarah Monzillo  
Ryan Morrison  
Jaime Mowel  
James Mukon

Maria Musumeci  
Michael Muszynski  
Daniel Neilan  
Bryan Niedermayer  
David Nieman  
Charles Pagano



Denise Panagopoulos  
Jennifer Paradis  
Melanie Paradis  
Michael Parasilti  
Vaishali Patel  
Pauline Pavasaris



Peter Pavasaris  
Stephanie Pearsall  
Jason Pekrul



Steven Pepe  
Justin Perun  
Rachel Perzanowski



Laura Petrossi  
Savio Pham  
Kenneth Pietrasko  
Kristen Piorkowski  
Matthew Piryk  
Carlo Pistrutto  
Gregory Powers  
George Primich  
Jay Pulaski



Stacie Baldwin and Lindsey Bruno take a break for a picture at their first Homecoming dance.

Kristen Piorkowski  
Matthew Piryk  
Carlos Pistrutto  
Gregory Powers  
George Primage  
Jay Pulaski



Leslie Quaggin  
Brian Ramy  
Michael Regina  
Michael Retano  
Anthony Revoir  
Eric Roberts



Jessica Roberts  
Joanna Robinson  
Michael Rogers  
Carolyn Roman  
Maria Rossitto  
Meagan Rutkowski





Angela Salerno  
Rebecca Saluk  
Eric Santerre  
Joy Sanzo  
Jeffrey Sargis  
Caitlin Schneider



Thomas Schweitzer  
Vincent Sharrard  
Anne Siegler  
Jessica Skiffington  
Bernard Sniadack  
Rachael Soto



Thomas Spada  
Robert Strain  
Bryan Szymanoski  
John Szymanski  
Nathan Tarsi  
Kelly Taylor



John Tedesco  
Joseph Tedone  
Brian Tevlin  
Christian Todzia  
Julie Tomazic  
Christopher Tracy



Aaron Trusty  
Kenny Vasil  
Brendan Volz  
Michael Walczak  
Sarah Waskiewicz  
Sarah Winnicki



Matthew Wright

Christina Wrobel

Eric Zambory

Julie Tomazic, Jen Dennis, and Kristin Fitch get ready for band class.

# A Spectrum of Faculty

At the base of everything is the faculty, that diverse group of energetic adults that has worked so hard to prepare the class of 1998 for the adventures that lie ahead. They coached our teams, organized our clubs, planned our field trips, and taught us the essentials of life in their spare time. In all of their business though, the faculty never lost sight of their students. They worked with us on those tough projects and gave us the help we needed when school just seemed to be too much. No task or challenge was too big, and there was always someone in this spectrum of

people that was just right for the job at hand.

Our four years have had many objectives, events, and projects that never could have been completed without the faculty. They dealt with fundraisers, concession stands, dances, sports, NEASC meetings, su-

pervision duties, and much more every day. They brought excitement and high spirits to what they did, and never minded taking the extra time to help with just one more activity.

Most importantly though, the faculty made our spectrum at Berlin High bigger. They raised the standards, achieved new goals, and made sure that our four years were a fun, memorable, and valuable experience.

**Right:** Dr. William Silva proudly accepts the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award from Ted Sergi, the Connecticut Commissioner of Education. Dr. Silva was honored with this prestigious award for being a talented and committed teacher who is innovative and involved with the lives of his students.



**Above:** Albert Pelligrinelli continues to enhance his coaching career at Berlin High School. This year, Coach Pelligrinelli is being inducted into the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Also, Coach Pelligrinelli was awarded coach of the year twice (1978 and 1988) by the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, named Connecticut High School Association Outstanding Coach in Football (1988), and inducted into the CCSU Hall of Fame (1997).

**Left:** Mrs. Gail Bates and her daughter, Jennifer Bates, end their careers at Berlin High School together. Mrs. Bates has been a teacher in the Mathematics department for 34 years, and Jen has had four years as a student.



**Thomas F. Galvin**  
Principal



**Christina Archer**  
Art



**Bianca Arvidson**  
Secretary



**Jennifer Baccaro**  
Instructional Aide; Substitute



**Lynne Baikal**  
Mathematics



**Genie Slone**  
Assistant Principal



**Gail Bates**  
Mathematics



**Stanley Brittingham**  
English



**George Synnott**  
Assistant Principal



**Barbara Brown**  
Media



**Tricia Brumette**  
Art



**James Bryers**  
Mathematics



**Kathryn Bryers**  
World Language





**Scott Burns**  
Social Studies



**Joseph Calise**  
English



**Christine Colaiacovo**  
English



**Robert Comeau**  
Science



**Esther Criniti**  
Secretary



**Jean Curtis**  
Science



**Kevin Dake**  
Science



*Outside the classroom activities aren't just for students, as Ms. Mitchell anticipates her 60 foot ascension into the trees on the UpBeat High Ropes course.*



**Philip Crockett**  
Mathematics



**Sandra D'Angona**  
World Language



**Susan Daniels**  
Social Studies; World Language



**James Day**  
Special Education



**Margaret DeJohn**  
World Language



**Dominic DelConte**  
Guidance



**David DelGiudice**  
Science



**Pamela Dennis**  
Family & Consumer Science



**Leonilda DiTomaso**  
Special Education



**Robert DiCicco**  
Mathematics



**Kathleen Downes**  
Special Education



**Matthew Dunbar**  
Social Studies



**Shirley Duong**  
Special Education



**Louise Elliot**  
Media



**Gloria Frost**  
Mathematics



**Colleen Gogerty**  
Guidance



**Susan Gombar**  
Special Education



**Sally Grady**  
Social Worker



**Jim Grosso**  
Instructional Aide; Substitute



**George Hall**  
Social Studies



**Richard Hanbury**  
Science



**Gerald Havel**  
Media



**Mark Hedrick**  
Aide



*Lisa Zaccagnino and Mrs. Scanlan-White confirm the benefits of student-teacher teamwork.*



**Paul Karam**  
Music



**Sheila King**  
Physical Education



**Dolores Knopf**  
Special Education



**Donna Liljestrand**  
Physical Education



**Kathy Macko**  
Family & Consumer Science



*The boys' soccer players listen intently as Coach Dunbar inspires them before a big game at Sage Park.*



**Estelle Kulak**  
Secretary



**John Line**  
Social Studies



**Michael Marcus**  
Social Studies



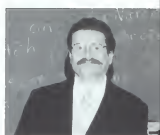
**Tara Leonetti**  
Special Education



**Shirley Liss**  
Secretary



**John McNulty**  
Science



**Robert Kelly**  
Music



**Harold Kirchstein**  
Science



**Glenn Lewis**  
World Language



**Chris Macca**  
Network Computer Manager



**Sarah McDermott**  
Social Studies



**Jeffrey Miller**  
**Business**



**Alica Mitchell**  
**Guidance**



**Laurie Nelson**  
**Business**



**Judith O'Brien**  
**English**



**John O'Connell**  
**Guidance**



**Evelyn O'Hagan**  
**Special Education**



**Mary Pacyna**  
**Secretary**



**Kenneth Parciak**  
**Physical Education**



**Janet Parlato**  
**English**



*Mr. Sherrick enjoys his job of teaching enthusiastic students the beauty of algebra.*



**David Pasco**  
**Technical Education**



**Albert Pelligrinelli**  
**Physical Education; Science**



**Mary Pera**  
**Special Education**



**Betsy Perry-Bergstrom**  
**School Psychologist**



**Jason Pires**  
**English**



**Robert Poglitsch**  
**Technical Education**



**Adam Raiti**  
**Art**



**Robert Recor**  
**Technical Education**



**Josh Rosek**  
Instructional Aide; Substitute



**Fred Russo**  
Science



**Janice Sansoucy**  
Special Education



**Marilyn Scanlan-White**  
Reading Consultant



**David Scannell**  
English



**Mark Schmidek**  
Speech Pathologist



**Kenneth Sherrick**  
Mathematics



**Lynn Shovlin**  
Media



**Marie Siegel**  
Special Education



**Thomas Sikora**  
Mathematics



**William Silva**  
Social Studies



**David Sirois**  
Physical Education



*Students can never wait until lunch, and the cafeteria ladies may never know how fortunate we are to have them. From left to right they are: Rosa Marrocco, Pam Baczewski, Maria DeFrancesco, Gail Verheyen, Ada Salerni, Amy Audette, Bernadette Przybysz, Francine Doyon, Gaye MacPherson, and Kim Hunting.*



**Rex Smith**  
Mathematics



**Ursula Spiegel**  
Science





Berlin High owes all of its cleanliness to its friendly and hardworking team of janitors. From left to right they are: Anna LaPosta, Robert Smith, Steven Depner, Rocco Christiano, Wes Plonka, and Paul Raniera.



Susan Terrill  
World Language



June Valentino  
Business; Social Studies



Carol Virostek  
English



Audrey Walbert  
World Language



Thomas Warburton  
English



Marsha Wilenski  
Art



Cathryn Wnuk  
School Nurse



Diane Wolf  
English



Christopher Wolfe  
Technical Education



Mark Wursthorn  
Special Education



*It could be 3:00, 4:00, or even later. Math doesn't come as easy to everyone else as it does to Mr. DiCicco, but his willingness to help students tackle the subject is what encourages them to keep working.*

Every year, the Lamp staff must collect **A** substantial amount of money in order to produce the yearbook. Without the help of

**BIG** and small businesses and patrons, the Lamp could not possibly pay for all the necessary expenses.

The Class of 1998 would like to **THANK YOU —**

the parents, families, and local businesses of Berlin — **FOR**

all that was contributed to the yearbook. Without **ALL** of these people, this year's Lamp could not have been the success

it was. **YOUR** help was greatly appreciated by the entire

yearbook staff, and the **SUPPORT** you have given will long be remembered.



# ADVERTISEMENTS

*Ella Wnuk has her hands full taking care of Rachel Benson and Mary Kate Carlson during the Fall Child Development course.*

## Congratulations Eric and the Class of 1998

The world is waiting for you. Make your mark, set your goals and achieve the goals you deserve.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Allison, and Kelly



Maria,  
Congratulations! We are so proud of all your achievements. Best of luck in everything you wish and dream for.

Love,  
Moma, Papá, and Santo



CONGRATULATIONS LISA ON ALL  
YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. WE  
ARE PROUD OF YOU. FOLLOW  
YOUR DREAMS AND BE HAPPY.  
MOZART FOREVER.

LOVE ALWAYS,  
MOM, DAD & BRIAN



Congratulations Greg!  
"We love the things we love for  
what they are."

— Robert Frost

We are proud of you and all your  
talents and accomplishments.  
You are a great son and a won-  
derful brother.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and John

*Congratulations Athina*

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*Set your goals high and don't stop till you get there!*  
*Love now and forever,*  
*Mom, Dad, Denise, and Angela*





Some nineteen years ago  
it was December of '78.  
A baby came into our lives  
it surely was a fate.

For many years before  
we thought we were complete.  
Then Todd arrived and filled our lives  
with love and joy elite.

With pride and reservation  
we knew the day would come,  
when our baby son and brother  
would "catch the ball and run."



With graduation upon us  
we reflect on years gone by  
and marvel in realization  
how time — it sure does fly!

And so our wish to you dear Todd,  
and commencement near at hand,  
may your life be filled with peace and joy  
and by you we will always stand.

Congratulations Todd #25  
and the Class of '98  
Our Love,

Mom, Dad, Gwen '83, Michael '77, Greg '86

In October, on a beautiful morn,  
Our wonderful little girl was born.  
Always smiling, hugging Mutt  
Dad would call you his peanut.

All through school you did your best,  
Facing challenges, living with zest.  
Balancing work with family ties,  
A young lady you've become, before our  
eyes.

But now the time is coming near,  
Graduation is almost here.  
"How fast the years go by," we say,  
"Just a little longer, can't you stay?"

But this is part of life we hear,  
Teach them to grow, then let go with fear.  
So our arms are open, fly out and learn,  
We'll be here always, for when you return.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Kevin, Keith, and Amber



"Families are precious things, and far though we may roam, the tender bonds with those we love still pull our hearts toward home."

Adam,

It seems like only yesterday you were this little 3 yr. old boy. We write this with much love and great respect for the man you have become. We will always be here for you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad  
(and Justin, too)



Congratulations Amy  
I'm so very proud of you —  
your goal, your determination,  
your focus have brought you  
to this point  
and will now direct your future . . .

I Love You,  
Mom



"If you can dream it,  
you can make it so."

We are proud of you, your accomplishments and your active role in UpBeat. Congratulations and continued success to you and the Class of 1998 in all future endeavors.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

Dear Kathleen,  
Way to go, Girl!  
Fill the world with  
the music of your  
life!



Our love always,  
Mom, Dad and Andy



CONGRATULATIONS AND  
BEST WISHES TO KAREN  
AND THE CLASS OF 1998.  
LOVE  
DAD, MOM, AND JOE

Lisa,  
Having you for a daughter has been one  
of the greatest gifts life has given us.



For all you've been,  
for all you are and for  
all you're yet to be —  
We love you very  
much.  
Love,  
Mom & Dad



Lisa,  
Thanks for being the  
big sister I could always  
look up to.  
I love you, Katie



BEN & LISA,  
ALMOST COUSINS —  
ALWAYS FRIENDS,  
Love  
Mom & Dad Murphy  
&  
Mom & Dad Zaccagnino

Congratulations, Sara.  
How proud we are of you!  
We know a bright, successful future  
awaits you . . . go for it kid!  
And, remember . . . we'll always  
be there for you. Wishing you  
love, luck and happiness.

All our love,  
Mom, Dad and Suzy



Congratulations, Amy!



We wish you all the happiness  
in the world. May all your  
dreams come true.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Bob and Jim

BEN,  
For all the "wonder years,"  
and all the years of 'you and me, Kid,'  
you are the light of my life.  
Now, GO GET 'EM!!  
A bushel and a peck,  
Mom



**Congratulations To Our Boys Of Summer**  
**Dan, Ryan, Josh, Eric, Ken**

With love from your greatest fans,  
The Sullivan's, The Cimino's, The Benson's The Murphy's, The  
Bratina's



Ry-Ry,

You make us laugh,  
You make us cheer,  
You make us proud.

We love you too  
much,

Mom, Dad, T.J.,  
Amy



***Congratulations,  
Stephanie !!!!***

*We are very proud of you.  
We wish you success in all  
your future endeavors!!!*

*Love,*

*Mom and Dad  
Cagney, Lacey  
George, Lucy, Sebastian*

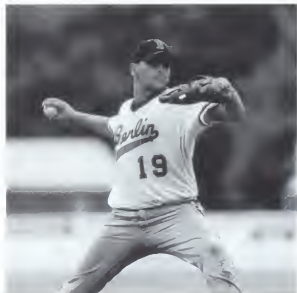


Julie:

It's been a great joy watching you  
grow into such a wonderful young  
lady. We are always here for you.

All our love,

Mom, Dad, Danny, & Kevin



May your future be filled with 6 foot  
glass and your arm continue to  
throw some gas. Congratulations.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Brennan & Wick



Congratulations Tracy!  
We're all proud of you.  
Love,  
Dad & Mom, Jen, Susan,  
Karen, Debbie



The journey in between what you once were and who you are now becoming is where the dance of life really takes place.

Barbara DeAngelis



Remember —

Guard your dreams of life deep in your heart and know that wherever those dreams take you and however challenging your "dance steps" become — We will always be there to love and support you. We are so proud of what you achieved.

With all our Love and Support Forever —

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Colleen  
Ryan & Murphy



Congratulations and Best Wishes  
to Natalie and the Class of 1998

Love, Mom and Stuart

Kristian

Choose a path that you may find yourself. It is in that search that you will find happiness.

Congratulations

We Love You!

Mom, Dad & Kim

FOR MY DAUGHTER  
JENNIFER BATES

*More than anything in this world  
I want you to know how very much I love you.  
Watching you grow from a carefree, little girl  
to the beautiful woman that you are today,  
has been the greatest joy of my lifetime.  
I am proud to call you my daughter.*

CONGRATULATIONS!

Love,

Mom

ERIN,  
We're very proud of you



Always remember . . . you can't buy  
the important things in Life . . . Love,  
family and a sense of humor. Congratulations, Squirt.

Love,  
Dad, Mom & Matt

Congratulations, Katie  
And Class of 1998



You are very special to us  
The world is yours . . .  
May all your Hopes and  
Dreams come true!  
Remember we are here for  
you always.  
Keep Smiling

We love you,  
Dad, Mom, and Joe



# OH HAPPY DAY!



Congratulations to the cousins,  
BETH and CATHY.  
May your futures be filled with  
success and happiness.  
Love,  
The Glabau's and Grady's

Congratulations Tony,  
May your future be bright and  
all your  
dreams come true.  
We love you,  
Mom, Dad, and Michelle

## CONGRATULATIONS SCOTT

You have earned your freedom  
to experience life.  
May you be successful in even  
your wildest dreams.  
We love you and will always  
be there for you.  
MOM, DAD and LAUREN



"Stephenie"  
Congratulations Stephenie and the Class of 1998  
Stephenie, we are so proud  
of you and all you have become.  
Remember, as you travel through  
life, you'll never be alone. Follow your  
heart and desires and keep the faith  
in God. You have our support  
and Love . . . Always remember  
how much we love you. We wish  
you happiness and success and good  
health. You deserve the best  
and more, never give up.

With Lots of Love Always.  
Baci, Dave  
Mom and Dad

Kelly Ann

A Graduation Wish

To be the best that you can be,  
To trust your own ability,  
To live the way you want to live,  
To take what each new day can give,  
To have what means the most to you,  
To do the things you want to do,  
To welcome change, to learn and grow,  
To build on what you think and know,  
To have a dream you're reaching for,  
To look ahead to what's in store —  
Life can be all this — and more,

May your life be all you reach for,  
All you dream of —  
All the best that it can be.

With Love,  
Mom & Dad



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## Congratulations Class of 1998

Kim,

From Healthtex clothes to high heel shoes  
stuffed animals and braces, to Senior Class dues.  
We're not sure how, but the years have flown,  
We look at you with pride, now that you're grown.

As you begin a bright new future, strive to make your  
dreams come true.

Give your best to each day and there's nothing you  
can't do.

Always remember that we love you, and remember we  
care

We'll always be with you even if you don't see us  
there.

Congratulations!!!

Love always,  
Mom and Dad



Joe,

Over the past year we have got to  
know a great guy with an outgoing per-  
sonality. You are always there for us  
when we need you. Thanks for being  
such a good friend.

Keep in Touch, we love you  
Melissa and Angie



Joe, thanks for always being there  
for me.

You'll always be in my heart.  
Love always,  
Nicole

# CONGRATULATIONS JOE AND THE CLASS OF 1998

We are so very proud of you. May happiness and success follow you forever, and may your dreams come true. We will always be there for you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Anthony  
(Dallas too!)



Thank you for  
everything that  
You are . . .



Congratulations  
And Best Wishes  
Adam



And for everything  
You are to be

We are so Proud  
Of you  
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations, Adam



Thanks for the Memories,  
Love, Robyn

SEAN

"Sail your vessel until the river runs dry!"

Congratulations

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Sue, Andy, Josh,  
Bobby, and all your Grandparents

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who have made us so proud



Christina and Theresa,

Congratulations! We have had many good memories and there are many more to come. Be happy always.

We love you!  
Mom, Dad, Anthony

Words cannot adequately express how proud we are of you. Since your timely arrival in 1980 on Father's day, you have been our precious jewel. We have watched you grow into a beautiful young woman and we have seen you mature in so many ways. You have been a wonderful daughter and big sister. Both your sisters admire you, respect you, love you . . . you've established very high standards and lofty goals for them just by being you. Your honesty, integrity, willingness to work hard and sincere caring for all of God's children are all wonderful traits that no one can take away. You have what it takes to make all your dreams come true. From all of us, we wish you all the best in the future. Good luck and God bless.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Jamie and Sara





Congratulations Marie  
We are proud of you.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Anthony & Nibbles



Congratulations Ella!



Your beautiful smile and beautiful heart  
touch everyone who has the chance to know  
you. We wish you the best for all that you do  
in life.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Diane  
And Kitus'

Congratulations,  
Ree  
**GO NAVY**  
Love,  
Nibbles



Tom,  
A Real Triumphant Day!  
Your gifts in education, leadership,  
and responsibility will take you far.  
Congratulations!

Love,  
Mom, Andrew  
Babczi & Dziadzi



CONGRATULATIONS, AARON  
YOU'RE THE BEST



THE WORLD IS YOURS  
GO GET IT KID  
LOVE MOM AND DAD





Congratulations, Cory  
You are the best part of our life.  
May you always be happy and never  
settle for less than your best.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

Reach for the stars Joe!



We love you Forsyth  
Mom, Dad and the Gang

Lindsey,  
"Wherever you go, no matter how far  
our love is where you are!"



Best wishes for  
a fabulous future!  
We love you, more!  
Mom and Dad  
XOXO

Brittany Rae

We fondly remember, what seems to be only a short time ago, a little girl waiting by the side of the road for the yellow school bus to "swallow" her up and bring her to Kindergarten. Through those rapidly fleeting years, the many wonderful and challenging years, we watched you grow physically, mentally, and emotionally. We watched as you faced each new day with your smile and raw determination. We remember visits to school when your raw determination wasn't quite in line with the school's.

We remember the little girl dresses you first wore to school, that rapidly changed to sneakers and blue jeans, that rapidly changed to blue jeans and boots, that includes prom gowns and boots, and boots, and boots.

We remember you playing Little League, sticking with it even though the boys on the team didn't want you around. We remember standing for the Star Spangled Banner during all-star game with tears of pride swelling our eyes as you took the field. We remember that first swim meet and how proud we were to see you do so well, and remembered all those summers at the Lion's pool when you couldn't swim at all.

We remember your first away from home adventure, staying overnight at a friend's house, progressing to spending week at Grandma's progressing to two weeks at camp, and now, armed with your license, progressing to you're hardly home at all. On each of these trips whether short or long we anxiously waited for your return, and probably always will.

You have over the years, followed many diverse paths through your young life, some more diverse than others, some more winding and some which seemed to have no end, but you always managed to come back from these journeys having grown in experience and, though hard to admit at times, helping us grow also. We have always tried to have a positive influence on you and stand by you as you wandered your paths. Now, you've reached a milestone in your life where you can be an influence on others and stand proudly by yourself, as you begin to follow another path.

Though we will always treasure the memories of that little girl being "swallowed" by the school bus, we are proud of and will always love the young woman who now emerges from it.

Congratulations and Love Always,  
Mom and Dad



Congratulations Katie!

### **SUCCESS**

To laugh often and much;  
To win the respect of intelligent  
people  
and affection of children

to the appreciation of honest critics  
and endure the betrayal of false  
friends;

to appreciate beauty,

to find the best in others,  
to leave the world a little better,  
whether by a healthy child,  
a garden patch or a redeemed social  
condition;

to know even one life has breathed  
easier  
because you have lived.

This is to have succeeded  
— Ralph Waldo Emerson



May all your precious memories be the  
building blocks of your future. How proud  
we are of you, Katie!  
Always Know How Much We Love You . . .  
Mom, Dad, and Stacie

KIM —

You have accomplished  
so much since your first  
steps in life.



An elementary ed teacher is what you  
have always wanted to be.



*"On the road to success"*

When the doors of Ber-  
lin High swing open it  
will be time for you to  
start —



Follow your heart and follow your  
dreams.

LOVE — Dad, Mom & Tricia





Congratulations, Rich

We can't believe how time has gone by so fast. It seems like only yesterday you were starting school, and now you are ready to continue on following all of your dreams. We are proud of you and who you are. We will always be here for you. Our wish to you is to always have health, happiness, and success in your life. God Bless You and always keep that wonderful smile.

Love Always,  
Mom, Dad, and Brian

"All around the world, gotta spread the word"





Dearest Amanda,

May all your dreams come true. Ours certainly did with you. Congratulations to our daughter with perfected "Style."

With Love,  
Mom and Dad

Congratulations,  
Stephen  
And The Class of 1998  
We are so proud of the person  
you have become. We have  
always  
believed in you and if you believe  
in yourself, work hard and follow  
your  
heart and your dreams will come  
true.  
We love You and will always be  
there  
for you.

Love,  
Mom & Dad  
Marc & Kimberly



CONGRATULATIONS  
MELISSA

We are so proud of you!  
May your future be filled with  
much happiness and success!

Love,  
Mom, Dad & Kenny

Jenn,  
Your beautiful smile and "spirited personality" always brings so much joy to our family. You are very special and we are so proud of you and



your accomplishments. May your future be filled with love, happiness, and success. Best wishes to you and The Class of '98. Congratulations!

Love,  
M o m ,  
Dad, Kristen  
and Amy



Congratulations, Ana  
and Best wishes.  
You deserve the best.  
Love, Mom, Dad, Melissa,  
Christina



Ken,  
We were proud of you then and we are prouder of you now. You have grown in so many ways. Your heart, your character and your soul. You have become a fine young man. Congratulations and all success in life!

We love you  
Mom and Dad





Congratulations Jenn!  
We're so proud of you. Follow your dreams and never give up. Keep that sparkle in your eyes, the laughter in your heart and reach for the stars. We wish you the best that life has to offer.

All Our Love,  
Mom  
Dad  
Melissa  
Shayla



# CONGRATULATIONS MONICA

and the Class of 1998



**We are so proud of you!**

We have all enjoyed watching you grow up. May your future hold as much happiness as you have brought to us.

What a wonderful way to end 25 years in the Berlin Public Schools.

**We love you, Monica!**

Mom, Dad, Charles '86, Marie '88, and Paula '92





## Congratulations, Caitlin!

You are special — a beautiful daughter and sister. You're our sunshine and light up our lives with pride and joy. Remember, we will always be here to listen, understand, love and support you. Know and believe in yourself. Follow your dreams and make them a reality. Wishing you a lifetime of much love, laughter, happiness, health and success.

With love — Mom, Dad and Michael

## CONGRATULATIONS ROBIN



You have proven yourself as a smart and outstanding person by achievement of this milestone event in your life. You have worked hard at school and shown leadership by your efforts with TBI, Band, and Work. Remember to always do more than expected and treat people as they would want to be treated — success is sure to follow. Welcome change and set high goals. We are very proud of you.

Love Mom, Dad, Stacy  
Keemo says "Woof, Woof" (Great Job)

Congratulations  
and  
Best Wishes  
to Rich

and always remember:  
Success is measured by the  
steps we take, not by the  
miles we walk.

All our love,  
Mom and Rob



Jesse, you are really a "Gift of God", We are all proud of your ambition, love and loyalty to your family & friends and commitment to your responsibilities. It is so wonderful and exciting to see our sweet little baby girl in turning out to be a beautiful and responsible young woman

heading for college in 1998. We cherish all the sweet memories of the times we shared as you grew. Ask God's blessings in all that you do in life. We all love you and wish you all the best in life.

CONGRATULATIONS  
Dad, Mom, & Jaime



### Congratulations, Sarah!

Our little girl! What a beautiful person you've grown up to be. You have given us so much joy and happiness. We're very proud of you! Just remember Sarah, life isn't easy and most of the time not very fair. But, have faith in God and mostly in yourself. Just be happy in whatever you choose to do. "Don't stop thinking about tomorrow — I'll soon be here —

Yesterday's gone."  
Much love always  
Mom and Dad

To Mike:

You have made me so proud.  
May happiness and success be with  
you forever.

Love,  
Dad



## TO OUR GIRLS:

On a day so long ago  
A group of girls set out to show,  
That they were different from the rest  
That they knew how to "Be Their Best"

Young they were, when we did start,  
But love, it shone right from the heart.  
From letters off to service men,  
To planting trees when they were ten.

Baking cookies, washing walls,  
Sewing quilts and making calls.  
Teaching young ones, collecting bears,  
Filling food baskets to show they cared.

Fun and tears along the way,  
"When do we eat?" they would say.  
Sippin' Cider, watching raccoons,  
Making s'mores under the moon.

Riding horses, doing the electric slide,  
Off to Williamsburg was a long train ride.  
Sloppy slurching, taking naps,  
Launching wish boats by singing taps.

All of these memories amidst a tear,  
The end of our journey is coming near.  
We've watched them grow, we've  
watched them mature.  
We know they're ready, of that we're  
sure.

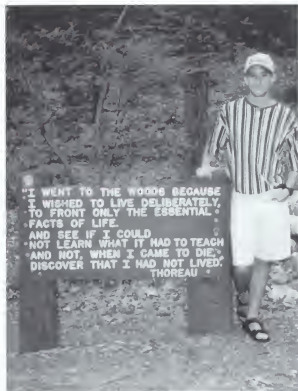
Proud? You bet!! Of all of them.  
In our eyes, they shine, like the brightest  
gem!

Love. Mrs. S., Mrs. M., Mrs. F., Miss L.



Congratulations, Julie!  
"Climb every mountain;  
Ford every stream.  
Follow every rainbow,  
Till you find your dream!"

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and  
all the animals



Congratulations  
&  
Best Wishes  
To Michael and the Class  
of 1998  
Love,  
Mom, Dad and Kate

Stephanie Odell,  
Auntie BB, Thanks for all the rides.  
Love,

The Regulars:

Amy '01, Amy '00, Kate '01, Kendra '99, Laura '01





## Congratulations Laurel



You are our special daughter. We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. May your future be filled with good health and happiness. We love you and will always be here for you.

With love,  
Mom and Dad



To our daughters,  
As you take life's different  
paths,  
May you achieve your  
dreams.  
We love you both,  
Pat & Rich

To my sis,  
Congratulations & Good  
Luck!  
Don't ever forget how I love  
you.  
Steve



In this special moment in life . . .

Think freely. Practice patience. Smile often. Savor special moments. Live God's message. Make new friends. Rediscover old ones. Tell those you love that you do. Feel deeply. Forget trouble. Forgive an enemy. Hope. Grow. Be crazy. Count your blessings. Observe miracles. Make them happen. Discard worry. Give. Give in. Trust enough to take. Pick some flowers. Share

them. Keep a promise. Look for rainbows. Gaze at stars. See beauty everywhere. Work hard. Be wise. Try to understand. Take time for people. Make time for yourself. Laugh heartily. Spread joy. Take a chance. Reach out. Let someone in. Try something new. Slow down. Be soft sometimes. Believe in yourself. Trust others. See a sunrise. Listen to rain. Reminisce. Cry when you need to. Trust life. Have faith. Enjoy wonder. Comfort a friend. Have good ideas. Make some mistakes. Learn from them. Celebrate life.

— Jan Michelsen



*To our shining "Star"*



*Love*

*Mom, Dad and Annjanette*



Congratulations, Sweet Pea!  
You did it with style  
Love,  
Mom, Dad & Matt



To  
John



We wish you the best of  
everything

Love, Mom, Dad, Eric and Jackie



To my sister Stephanie —  
Thanks for watching over me.  
Love Always — Matt



Way to go Steph!  
Love — Jen



To Our Daughter Stephanie —  
A Goalie, A Catcher, A Co-  
Captain,  
A Good Student And A Friend.



Congratulations on all you  
have done at BHS. We are  
proud of you. Keep passion  
for life and learning and you  
will reach Everest.

We love you —  
Mom & Dad





*Dear Sarah,*

*It is a joy to write this to you on the occasion of your graduation from high school. You are so special and so loved—you were wanted from before you were born and are an answer to your parents' prayers. We have so many wishes and prayers for your future; a future filled with love, success, achievement and peace. May God bless you and cause His light to always shine upon you, and may you always seek His perfect will for your life.*

*Love,*

*Mom, Dad  
and Elizabeth*



Congratulations Jenn, Stephanie, Athina, and Michelle  
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"Go as far as the eye can see, and when you get there look farther"



Love,  
The Kohls, The Odells, The Panagopoulos's, and the Crowes



## LAS TRES AMIGAS!

We're so proud of you. Wishing you  
all good things in the future.

**CONGRATULATIONS MONICA, KRIS  
& LAURA!!**

Love,  
The Kaczors, Petersons, and Ebners

## Congratulations, Dana



Remember we're behind  
you all the way —  
and wish you great  
success and happiness.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Daron

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Ghadeer,  
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a successful life  
and all the  
happiness your  
heart desires.  
Mom & Dad

## Congratulations Jennifer!

We are so proud of you and all that  
you have accomplished. Always re-  
member how much you are loved and  
that we'll always be here for you.  
Wishing you fulfilled dreams, health  
and happiness.

Love you,

Mom, Melissa, Sarah and Kimberly



"A friend is someone who knows you and loves  
you for what you were and who you are, and  
who also shares your hopes and dreams for who  
you can become." Remember your true friends  
and family —



# CONGRATULATIONS MICHELLE!



You did it, and we're so proud of you and thankful to have a daughter like you? You are and will always be the sunshine of our lives. You've made our lives so very happy and complete. Always, remember that whatever you do, and whatever the future holds, we'll always be there for you. Wishing you always health, happiness and success. You will always be our

Michelle, our belle,  
Intelligent  
Caring  
Helpful  
Enjoyable  
Lovely  
Loving  
Elegant



Nancy, you've always been special in your own little way. Since you were small, you played sports every day. You're a good daughter, sister and a good friend, and your life will be worthwhile, through dreams you accomplish til the very end.

Search for your rainbow and you'll find your pot of gold.

Fill your heart with all the love it can hold.

You believe in yourself, and on your face is always a smile.

You're never afraid to go the extra mile.

You take pride in your work,  
And brighten everyone's day.

That's why we love you in every way.

Congratulations Lindsay  
& Class of '98  
Laugh Often  
Love Much  
Our love forever,  
Mom & Dad





Mike,  
Congratulations! We wish  
you lots of happiness and  
success in your future. Do  
your best and be yourself.  
You are so special to us  
and we love you!

Love,  
Mom & Dad



Leah,  
You've grown from  
an adorable baby to  
a beautiful woman.  
Always remember  
that nothing is be-  
yond your reach. We  
are very proud of  
you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Haley,  
Grandma Rie &  
Richard



Kristy,  
From the beautiful little girl you were to  
the beautiful young woman you have  
become — you are a very special  
daughter, sister, and granddaughter  
whom we love very much. Always be  
yourself and follow your dreams in  
whatever you choose to do. Don't be  
afraid of failure for sometimes in failure  
we learn to appreciate all that we have  
achieved. Always remember how special  
you are! Congratulations to you and  
the Class of '98.



Love,  
Mom, Dad, Missy '94  
Nana, & Papa



Ki & Leah,  
**YOU'VE MADE IT!!**

Remember in the years ahead, the laughter,  
the tears & the Cedar Island sunsets you've  
shared. Though you may travel down different  
roads, your memories are forever — friends  
always. Congratulations to you both & The  
Class of '98

Love,  
Mom & Dad F.  
Mom & Dad O.



**Congratulations!** Enjoy what the future  
has in store for you. Work hard and  
have fun the next four years. Best of  
luck.

Love Always,  
Missy '94

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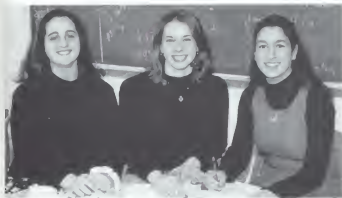
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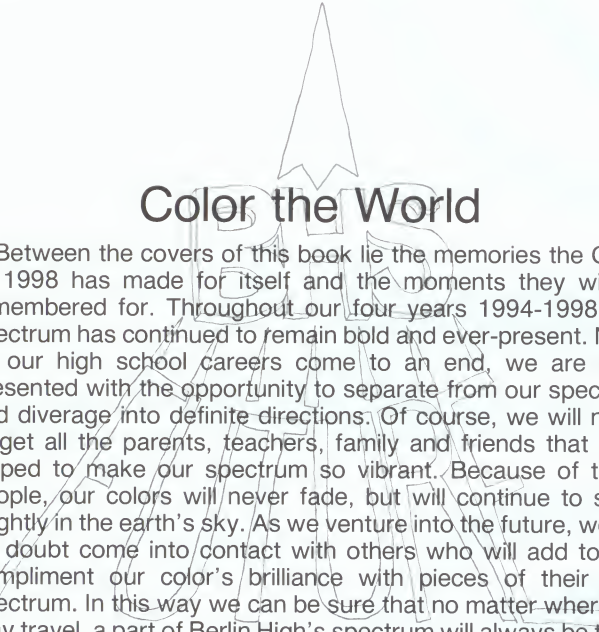
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